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MPs seek international action against Holland after court's release of accused

Freed IRA suspect rearrested in Dublin

By Mark Fuller in Roermond and Sheila Gunn

GERARD Harte, the suspected IRA gunman acquitted of the murder of two Australian tourists in Roermond, in The Netherlands, was rearrested at Dublin airport last night after being cleared of IRA membership by a Dutch court.

He was approached at passport control by four detectives who wanted to questioning him about firearms offences in the Irish Republic in July 1989.

Ministers and MPs reacted angrily to the Dutch court's decision to release Harte, and the verdict is likely to put international co-operation in the fight against terrorism under further strain.

Government sources said ministers have called for a full explanation from the Dutch police and authorities. Some MPs called last night for The Netherlands to be expelled immediately from the anti-terrorist Trevi Group of European Community nations, because of the Roermond court's decision to acquit Harte and two other Irishmen and a woman charged with belonging to an illegal organisation. Labour urged the Foreign Office to insist that the Dutch revise their "flawed" laws relating to terrorist activity.

Harte, aged 27, from Lurgan, was sentenced to 18 years in April for the murder in May 1990 of Nicholas Spanos, and Stephen Melrose. The IRA admitted responsibility for the murder of the two London-based lawyers, saying they had been "tragically mistaken" for British servicemen.

Harte was acquitted of the murders at an appeal court hearing in Den Bosch last week. The three other suspected members of the IRA — Donna Maguire, Sean Hick and Paul Hughes — were also acquitted of the murder charges last week.

The appeal court referred the membership charge back to the lower court. Yesterday, Emile Bakermans, the presiding judge, said that the determining question was not whether the defendants were IRA members. "It is only a question of whether they actually took part in behaviour to execute the aims attributed to the Provisional Irish Republic Army."

After the four were acquitted of IRA membership yesterday, Maguire, Hicks and Hughes were immediately rearrested, pending extradition to Germany for questioning about attacks on British servicemen and military sites.

Harte left the court in Roermond by the front entrance and was mobbed by journalists and onlookers as he tried to walk down the street. Scuffles broke out and police barriers were thrown down. Harte was pushed by police for about 100 yards and was then carried by about 12 officers into another court building. He was then driven away in a police car.

Lioni Moreland, aged 25, from Roermond, said: "This is no justice." She said that her husband, from Northern Ireland, had bought himself out of the RAF in June because of "fear of the terrorist threat, which we have to live with all the time".

In a statement made through his lawyer, Marie-Jeanne Hegeman, Harte said that he was "extremely happy" about the Dutch court's decision and he was "sorry" for the victims of the murder. Mrs Hegeman said that Mr Harte had added that there were also "innocent victims-in Ireland". His statement added that if he had been tried in England he was "400% certain that he would be convicted".

Minutes after his Aer Lingus flight touched down from Amsterdam, Harte was rearrested last night. He told reporters on the flight: "I have nothing to say. I had nothing to do with firearms." He was taken to the Bridewell police station in the centre of Dublin.

Harte has a long involvement with Republican paramilitary groups. He is one of the few IRA suspects extradited from the Irish Republic to Northern Ireland.

Quick getaway: Dutch policemen rush Gerard Harte away from the court in Roermond where he was cleared of belonging to the IRA yesterday

The outcome of the Dutch trial is a blow to Dutch police following the first major joint operation by European anti-terrorist squads. However, a justice ministry spokeswoman said: "We feel confident in the Dutch judicial system. We strongly believe we would rather release a possible perpetrator because of a lack of evidence than convict an innocent man."

The suspects were arrested after Maguire, Harte and Hick were seen by a farmer in a Belgian wood. They were allegedly engaged in target practice, and police found arms and explosives near by, including the rifle and pistol used at Roermond.

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Mortgage rates cut to lowest for three years

By Lindsay Cook and George Sivell

MORTGAGE payments will fall next month for the fourth time this year when most lenders will cut base mortgage rates to ·11.95 per cent, the lowest for three years.

Borrowers with a £60,000 endowment loan will be paying £130 a month less than they were last October when sterling entered the exchange rate mechanism.

The home loan cuts follow a reduction in clearings bank base rates yesterday by half a percentage point to 11 per cent, against the 15 per cent level prevailing before Britain joined the European exchange rate mechanism last October. Base rate cuts were sanctioned yesterday despitr the fact that inflation had remained unchanged at 5.8 per cent in the year to May, down from a peak of 10.9 per cent last October.

Banks had responded to a signal from the Bank of England for another half point cut after the government decided that it was safe, now that Germany had decided not to increase its rate. However, the move was attacked by John Smith, the shadow chancellor as "excessively cautious". Shares in London lost ground on disappointment that the cut was limited to a half point.

The Halifax Building Society, the largest mortgage lender, was first to announce a cut, within minutes of yesterday's bank base rate reduction. The 0.5 per cent cut is immediate for new borrowers and from August 1 for existing borrowers.

It is the second time that building societies have acted on a half point cut. Usually they wait for a full one percentage point cut. Mortgages were also cut in April, May and July.

David Gilchrist, general manager of the Halifax said the society was passing the reduced rates on to new and existing borrowers quickly to help the housing market to recover.

He added that the society was not expecting another fall in bank base rates until the autumn. Other major lenders who have been offering a variety of base mortgage rates soon fell into line with the Halifax on those and on loans above £60,000.

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Brokers operated BCCI boycott

By Neil Bennett and Douglas Broom

THREE of London's largest money brokers had refused to place deposits with the Bank of Credit and Commerce International for years, it emerged yesterday.

Exco, Marshall's, and Butler & Harlow had all shunned the bank because of fears over its creditworthiness, even though it offered better rates of interest and higher commissions than the high street banks. News of the boycott is likely to further incense the local authorities considering legal action against brokers that placed their funds with BCCI.

In Seoul, the closure of BCCI has forced the Peruvian and Argentinian consulates to close through lack of funds. More than 150 diplomats in the city had $6 million invested in BCCI, and the Korean government has refused to compensate them.

English local authorities began withdrawing money from smaller banks yesterday and seeking safety for municipal funds in building societies and high street banks.

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Bush gives approval to Iraq list

From Susan Ellicott in Washington

PRESIDENT Bush, stepping up his harassment of President Saddam Hussein, has approved a list of Iraqi military targets that he is prepared to strike if Baghdad continues to flout a Gulf ceasefire accord, American officials said yesterday.

It was also announced simultaneously in Washington, London, Paris and Rome yesterday that allied forces would withdraw from northern Iraq to a base in southeast Turkey by Monday. Coalition troops there will act as a rapid reaction force to protect Iraq's Kurdish minority from further intimidation by Saddam's forces.

Turkey also offered yesterday to provide troops for the multinational force. Turkey had previously said that any Turkish units would not join any cross-border

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Keeping weather eye on cheating farmers

Satellite spies are looking out for farmers taking advantage of EC subsidies, reports ***Nick Nuttall***

Farmers planning a spot of creative accounting with European Community subsidy schemes would be well advised to pay closer attention to the skies.

High above the cereal fields of Europe, French satellites are being tested as a way of policing the £22.7 billion common agricultural policy. EC officials believe that the "spies in the sky", able to image what is, or is not, being grown in individual fields, may be the key to catching farmers who are making illegal subsidy claims.

Farmers can obtain large payments to grow certain crops including soya, sunflower, linseed and durum wheat. Some, however, have been pocketing the funds and growing non-subsidy crops, and, in some cases, no crops at all.

At the same time, the EC is promoting set-aside, a scheme to cut food mountains, which pays farmers to leave land fallow for five years. There is concern that some are taking fallow payments, but illegally planting crops to make extra profit.

Alain Killmayer, a researcher with the firm assisting the EC with the scheme, said that the value of satellite surveillance had been demonstrated in southern France.

Despite 1989 and 1990 having been years of severe drought, some farmers had been making direct subsidy claims for crops it was suspected that they could not grow.

Sorties by the satellites rapidly pinpointed "100 per cent of those farmers who had been making the claims," said Mr Killmayer, assistant director of Geosys, a geographic information systems company based at Ramonville St Agne, France.

Trials over southern Italy and Sicily, where

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Gorbachev sends G7 message

By Robin Oakley, political editor

PRESIDENT Gorbachev yesterday sent his special envoy Yevgeni Primakov ahead of him to the G7 summit in London, bearing an updated version of the Soviet economic reform plan the Soviet leader will use as the basis of his appeal for economic assistance from the leading industrialised nations of the West.

Mr Primakov, with the Soviet ambassador, Leonid Zamyatin, yesterday had a surprise short-notice meeting with Norman Lamont, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, at the Treasury. He handed a message from Mr Gorbachev to the summit leaders, whom he will meet after their formal proceedings end on Wednesday. The message was delivered via Mr Lamont as he is the host finance minister. The contents were not disclosed.

Mr Primakov and Mr Lamont, both accompanied by teams of officials, immediately got down to discussing details of the latest blueprint for Soviet economic reform, and British officials saw the Soviet move as evidence of Mr Gorbachev's willingness to meet Western concerns about the seriousness of his intentions.

Soviet ministers have already indicated their willingness to have Western economic advisers working inside their ministries after the summit if the West will offer economic aid to help them through the crisis period of price rises.

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Saddam's tank turns Dorset into a battlefield

By Ray Clancy

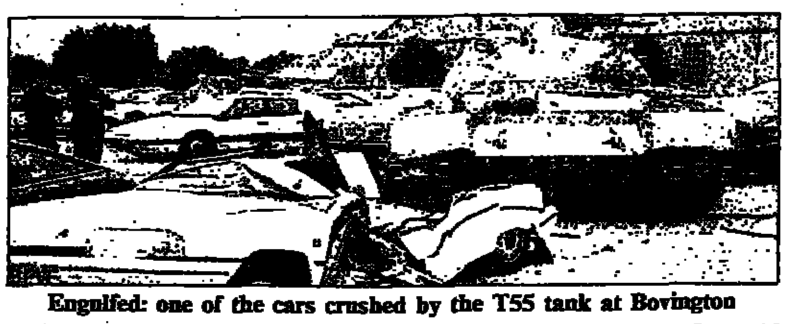
THE people of Bovington Camp and nine unfortunate holidaymakers could have been forgiven yesterday for thinking that the Gulf war had started up again, this time in Dorset, when they saw a T55 Iraqi tank flatten two parked cars and damage seven others.

The T55, captured during the conflict and arriving at the Royal Armoured Corps tank museum at the camp, locked in reverse gear as it was being driven into a hangar to be restored. Tourists' empty vehicles in the museum car park were no match for the lumbering piece of machinery.

"There was general panic all round, what with the noise of the tank's engines, and the sound of metal being twisted, and glass breaking, and people shouting to the driver to stop," an army witness said. "It was incredible. This great beige-coloured Russian-built T55, camouflaged and with full Iraqi insignia, just as if was plucked out of the desert, its main gun traversed to the rear, with a machine gun mounted on top.

"It literally flattened the two cars, they couldn't have been any flatter. If anyone had been inside they would have died instantly.

"There's no such thing as a gentle nudge in a tank. There was nothing high speed about it, it was a slow, unstoppable force. The tank just reared up slowly on its tracks over the cars, almost as if it was engulfing them."



Engulfed: one of the cars crushed by the T55 tank at Bovington

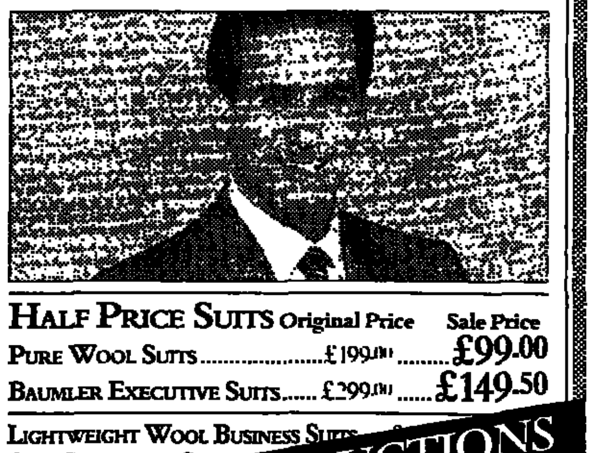
The tank stopped after about 30 yards when the driver, a civilian employee of the museum, managed to turn off the engine. The owners of the cars were driven home by army staff.

Colonel George Forty, curator of the museum, said: "The tank just locked in reverse and couldn't be stopped.

"Fortunately all the vehicles were empty and no one was hurt. The matter is now in the hands of our insurers. It is all most unfortunate."

The defence ministry said the tank was one of several brought back from the Gulf.

"Millions of people visit the museum every year, so it was felt that one of these Iraqi tanks deserved a place in military history," a spokesman said.



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BCCI crash starts scurry for high street security, while one angry community wants answers

Town halls take their cash away from small banks

By DOUGLAS BROOM, LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORRESPONDENT

LOCAL authorities began withdrawing money from smaller banks yesterday as treasurers sought safety for their funds in building societies and high street banks.

Council finance officers said the move was prompted by the government's refusal to help 29 councils facing losses of up to £100 million from the collapse of the Bank of Credit and Commerce International.

At the same time town and county halls began taking action to ensure that staff with personal accounts at BCCI did not have this month's salaries seized by the liquidators.

Most councils pay white-collar staff on the 15th of the month and treasurers were preparing to work over the weekend, combing payroll records, to ensure that none of those due to be paid on Monday had their salaries credited to BCCI accounts. With BCCI personal account-holders concentrated in the Asian community, attention was focused on the big cities.

The scale of the task is considerable. Local authorities in England and Wales employ 1.3 million monthly-paid staff and the Association of Metropolitan Authorities warned councils to act quickly.

Chris Patten, the Tory party chairman, repeated the government's view that local authorities would have to find their own way out of the BCCI debacle. Speaking in York, where the city council stands to lose £1.3 million, Mr Patten said that taxpayers would be "flabbergasted" if the government bailed councils out.

"I'm sure community charge payers will be asking themselves why the council invested in this bank, rather than blaming the government," he said.

Bankers reported a movement of funds away from second-tier banks, although there was no indication that there was a run on any individual bank which would threaten its liquidity.

One banker said: "In some cases money is being withdrawn, but a lot of this money is only placed with banks on very short terms. Most local authorities are simply placing money with the blue-chip banks." The move could have serious implications for smaller banks. Up to £2 billion of municipal funds is invested on the money markets at any time and banks have come to rely on councils as a reliable source of funds when the rest of the economy is in recession.

A meeting of council leaders next Tuesday in London will be asked to sanction legal action against brokers who placed funds with BCCI.

It was the third bank holding council funds to collapse this year. The London-based Chancery banking group and the merchant bank group Edington, of Manchester, failed within weeks of each other in mid-February with losses of £40 million.

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Donald Macleod, the suspended financial director of Western Isles council, at his Stornaway home yesterday

George Macleod, the council's chief executive

Islanders' fury rises as council starts enquiry

By KERRY GILL

SENIOR council members and staff in the Western Isles yesterday began investigations into how £23 million of public money came to be invested in the Bank of Credit and Commerce International. On Thursday night Donald Macleod, the finance director, was suspended on his full £35,000 salary.

George Macleod, the chief executive, who admitted that he had been unaware of the investment until earlier this week, said he hoped to make a full report to an emergency meeting of the council on Tuesday. The meeting is expected to be held in public after widespread demands for a full explanation from council leaders.

The Rev Donald Macaulay, the council's convener, speaking last night of Mr Macleod's suspension, said there was no question of impropriety involved. He was replying to a question about the relationship between Mr Macleod and Iain Macleod, a senior member of R P Martin, an Edinburgh firm of brokers used by the council. Iain Macleod was the finance director's cousin.

Mr Macaulay said: "I know one of the brokers is related to the director of finance and I have known that for some time.

"There is no question of impropriety in this matter as far as I can judge. I think it could be better described as having too many eggs in one basket and financiers do not usually do that kind of thing."

Meanwhile, though the government has ruled out financial help for stricken councils, any attempt by the council to make up the loss by increasing the poll tax is bound to be opposed. It was estimated that the individual charge would have to rise from £77 to more than £1,100. The Western Isles has one of Scotland's worst payment rates.

The sympathy islanders had expressed for the council's loss has evaporated. As it emerged that few councillors knew of the investment, the public mood turned to anger. Nick Bryant, of New Valley, outside Stornoway, asked: "How on earth did people who know about finance put all that money in one bank? When you think of it, it's £46 million really. They have lost £23 million and now they will have to go out and get another £23 million to replace it."

Many said that they would never pay increased poll tax bills. Donald Mackay, of Aird Tong, said: "There would be mass riots in the streets if the money had to go onto the poll tax."

● Victims of the failure may sue the Bank of England, alleging negligence, according to a Bradford-based investors' support group, which is calling a meeting of investors and borrowers from the North on Thursday next week.

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Songwriter drops copycat claim

John Brett, a songwriter, yesterday dropped a High Court action accusing Andrew Lloyd Webber of copying one of his songs for the theme tune of *Phantom of the Opera*.

Mr Lloyd Webber, who had been seeking a court order dismissing the action on the ground that there was no case to answer, said that he had composed his music in mid-1984 – a year before Mr Brett said he had finished his work.

After over a day of evidence, Robin Jacob, QC, for Mr Brett, withdrew the action. Mr Brett, of Exeter, Devon, refused to comment.

In evidence, Mr Brett said he had sent a tape of his song to his solicitor at the end of July 1985 "to certify the date of its completion" and had given a tape to a secretary at Tim Rice's company, Heartaches, for consideration by the singer Elaine Page.

However, Mr Lloyd Webber produced evidence to substantiate his claim to prior composition, in particular, the scores for the Royal Philharmonic orchestra to give a private première of Act 1 of *Phantom of the Opera* in early July 1985.

Prince loses job

Prince Edward joined the unemployed last night, a victim of the deepening showbusiness recession. His employer, The Theatre Division group, said that it was closing after a backer's withdrawal. The company was launched last year by the producer Bridget Hayward as a breakaway from Andrew Lloyd Webber's Really Useful Group, and Prince Edward was recruited as technical administrator.

Union chief back

Albert Williams, the suspended general secretary of the building workers' union Ucatt, has been reinstated in the latest turn in the left-right power struggle within the union. A meeting on Thursday night of the union's general council found no evidence to support his suspension.

Stonehenge plan

Strong public support for proposals to restore and enhance the setting of Stonehenge, is suggested in a new report. Of 4,500 visitors to an exhibition in Salisbury, more than half wanted all modern intrusions removed from view. The report by seven independent organisations under Timothy Darvill archaeological consultants says no important archaeological remains would be affected by the proposals.

Kidnap charge

Caren Counsel, aged 27, of Wythenshawe, Greater Manchester, was remanded in custody until July 19 by Highbury magistrates yesterday charged with kidnapping and impersonating a police officer after the abduction of Vida Fenton, aged two, from her north London home last Friday. She is also accused of falsely imprisoning the girl's mother, Melissa Fenton. The girl is still missing.

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One person in four in England has not paid poll tax

By OUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORRESPONDENT

FEWER people are paying the poll tax this year than last, according to a survey which found that more than a quarter of adults in England had failed to pay anything towards their community charge bills by the end of last month.

The *Municipal Journal* survey bears out fears that the decision to abolish the poll tax in 1993 would make it much harder to collect. According to the Audit Commission, £1 billion of last year's poll tax remains uncollected.

If non payment continues to run at the levels identified in the survey, next year's poll tax bills could be inflated by as much as £200 a head to make good losses. Surcharges at that level would torpedo government hopes of limiting the average increase in next year's poll tax bills to 4 per cent. This year's poll tax bills already include surcharges of up to £158 a head as those who are paying the tax are paying for those who have not.

The survey, which covers 39 of the 366 councils in England, found that the proportion of the population failing to pay poll tax this year was 3.4 per cent higher than last year. The councils reported that 73.9 per cent of their charge payers had made some payment by June 30 compared to 77.3 per cent in the same period last year. The average poll tax was £207 of which councils had received £26.45p.

The survey also found that delays in sending out bills caused by the budget decision to cut £140 a head off poll tax bills had meant councils had collected only half as much as they would otherwise have expected.

David Blunkett, Labour's local government spokesman, said: "These figures confirm the prime minister's own view that the poll tax is uncollectable. The longer it remains the harder it will be to collect."

☐ Four of the six councils which submitted uninvited bids for a share of the government's £75 million city challenge programme had their requests turned down yesterday.

Bids by Coventry, Newham, Sandwell and St Helens were rejected but Stockton-on-Tees and Sunderland, which also submitted uninvited bids, will go through to the next round with the 15 areas which were invited to take part.

Offer over jailed MP rejected

By ROBIN OAKLEY
POLITICAL EDITOR

LABOUR officials yesterday frustrated an attempt by the right-wing Freedom Association to curtail the poll tax martyrdom of Terry Fields, the party's jailed MP.

The association delivered to Labour's headquarters a cheque to cover Mr Fields's poll tax and legal costs, the non-payment of which led on Thursday to his imprisonment for 60 days. The party's staff, however, refused to accept the £427, and suggested that the money be sent to Sefton borough council or to Mr Fields, who is MP for Liverpool Broadgreen.

A Labour spokesman said that the offer was a cheap political stunt and that the party was not a poll tax collection agency. The association met a similar response later when it delivered the cheque to the House of Commons addressed to Neil Kinnock's office.

● Norman Laws, aged 71, was released from Durham prison yesterday after serving two months for refusing to pay his poll tax to South Tyneside council. Mr Laws, of Hebburn, Tyne and Wear, said that he would not pay this year's tax and was prepared to go to jail again.

Briton accused over art fakes

By SARAH JANE CHECKLAND, ART MARKET CORRESPONDENT

A BRITON has been arrested in Los Angeles accused of criminal deception and robbery in the art market.

The criminal deception charges relate to the alleged involvement of John Fairchild, formerly of Hampstead, northwest London, in a £1.5 million racket in the United States and Britain during 1987 and 1988.

Fake paintings attributed to Noël Coward, John Minton and Laura Knight, and forged antique coins and other items were infiltrated into the British market, often with forged authentication certificates. Discarded letters were stolen from a dustbin outside Sotheby's in London and used to fake provenances.

By October 1988 large numbers of suspect items were being entered for sale with auctioneers and dealers. Some were unwittingly sold by the auction houses.

The robbery charge relates to the alleged involvement of Mr Fairchild, aged 45, in an incident in 1989, when the American coin dealer Robert Gilliot was robbed of £150,000 worth of coins while driving to Heathrow airport. Mr Gilliot was "arrested" by thieves masquerading as policemen, handcuffed and abandoned in Barnet, north London.

Mr Fairchild was arrested on a provisional warrant this week after a joint operation by the FBI and Scotland Yard's art and antique squad. British police have applied for his extradition.

Collecting, page 19

Home from war: three of the first 22 Wrens to go to war with the Royal Navy displaying an Iraqi anti-aircraft gun when HMS Brilliant returned from the Gulf to Plymouth yesterday. Captain Tobin Elliott said: "Having women at sea in this warship has proved a great success."

Lease bill due 'as soon as possible'

By CHRISTOPHER WARMAN, PROPERTY CORRESPONDENT

REFORM of the leasehold system, giving more than 1.5 million flat-owners the right to buy their freehold, will be introduced as soon as possible Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, said yesterday.

Lord Mackay's widely expected proposal for "commonhold" tenure was welcomed by all political parties and by consumer groups that have campaigned for it.

Commonhold is to apply to both residential and commercial property in England and Wales, and the government intends to bring in legislation for its implementation "as soon as Parliamentary time for it can be found". Lord Mackay said later that it might be introduced in the autumn, but added: "Wait and see. It is a very delicate matter and it is highly important to get it right. I would not wish to present a bill until it was right and ready and there is still quite a lot to do."

Lord Mackay said that conversion of existing premises to commonhold would be optional, but it might be necessary to make provision to override objections by a small minority of leaseholders.

Under the proposals, long leaseholders of residential flats (those with an original lease of 21 years or more) will have a right collectively to buy from the freeholder, at market value, the freehold interest in their block, and the freeholder will be obliged to sell. This right will apply to properties containing two or more flats, but at least two-thirds of qualifying leaseholders will have to vote for the scheme. A further restriction is that not more than 10 per cent of internal floor space, excluding common parts, is used for non-residential purposes.

Lord Mackay said that the reform would "greatly extend many people's freedom to take responsibility for their own affairs".

The price of blocks will be based on the open market value plus a share of "marriage value" to acknowledge that occupying tenants may be obtaining interests substantially more valuable than those they hold.

In the Commons, Sir George Young, the housing minister, said that the intention was to provide a fairer system of tenure, and rejected an accusation by William Benyon, Conservative MP for Milton Keynes, that the government would be handing the leaseholder large tax-free gains at the freeholder's expense. The effect of commonhold on the appearance of central London might be catastrophic, Mr Benyon said.

Dudley Fishburn, Conservative MP for Kensington, said: "Leasehold law has fallen down and caused very widespread misery."

The National Consumer Council said the reform was "long overdue"

Communion divides church

The bishops go into next week's general synod divided. **Ruth Gledhill** reports

DIVISIONS are expected to emerge among bishops in the Church of England today over whether unconfirmed children should be allowed to receive communion.

One bishop has accused the House of Bishops of a "total about-turn" after a confidential discussion on the subject.

In at least two dioceses, unconfirmed children are already receiving communion. The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, says that such experiments should be discontinued at a pace "which gives due regard to the pastoral difficulties in individual dioceses and parishes".

The Bishop of Guildford, the Right Rev Michael Adie, will today move a motion at the general synod in York calling for such experiments to end. Most bishops support the motion but it is opposed by a vociferous minority.

The Right Rev Colin Buchanan, vicar of St Mark's, Gillingham, Kent, who served on a working party which in 1985 produced a unanimous report recommending that baptism should be the only sacramental qualification for admission to communion, says in yesterday's *Church Times*: "The House of Bishops is deeply divided."

Projects are going strong in Manchester, Southwark and on a narrower front in Southwell, says Bishop Buchanan.

The Bishop of Manchester, the Right Rev Stanley Booth-Clibborn, said 35 of his 312 parishes were admitting children to communion at a minimum age of seven. Most would be confirmed at 11 or older.

He said: "It would be a tragedy if these experiments were to be discontinued. It would be pastorally extremely difficult to stop them now." Of the 35 parishes, 12 had reported that 75 per cent of children admitted to communion before confirmation were still attending church regularly three years later.

"Most parish priests would say there has been an improvement."

In an earlier debate this morning, the Archbishop of York, Dr John Habgood, will oppose attempts to move the church towards a more restrictive view of baptism.

The synod, which meets until Tuesday, will also debate a report that is highly critical of the World Council of Churches, and a call from the Leicester diocese for church members to stop buying Nescafe. The latter motion accuses Nestlé of promoting breast-milk substitutes "by means of free and subsidised supplies to Third World hospitals and maternity wards".

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JULIAN HERBERT

Embassy siege: armed police surrounding the Turkish embassy in London yesterday after 30 demonstrators from the Kurdistan Workers' Party forced their way in to protest at the death of three people in fighting in Turkey between security forces and Kurdish refugees.

Belgrave Square and streets in the areas were sealed off after reports of shots being fired (David Young writes). Police said later, however, that no shots were fired and no one was hurt. The incident ended with the demonstrators being taken away in mini-buses.

The embassy said that the demonstrators forced their way through steel security doors and armoured windows at the front of the building. "We immediately closed our security rooms and just went out the back."

Commander Robert Marsh of Scotland Yard's royalty and diplomatic protection group said embassy staff were allowed to return after the building had been searched for explosives. He said pictures and furniture were damaged and slogans daubed. The demonstrators face charges under the Public Order Act and for causing criminal damage.

Disaster police to face tribunal

By David Young

DISCIPLINARY charges arising from the Hillsborough football ground disaster are to be brought against two senior police officers.

Chief Superintendent David Duckenfield and Superintendent Bernard Murray are to appear before a police tribunal. On the day of the disaster, in which 95 people died, Mr Duckenfield was in charge of policing the Sheffield Wednesday ground and Mr Murray was responsible for the police control room. Mr Duckenfield is suspended from duty.

The tribunal will be chaired by the chief constable of Derbyshire, John Newing, and two civilian members of the Police Complaints Authority. The complaints authority said that the charges resulted from complaints made by members of the public. Action against 10 other officers had been considered and rejected.

Graham Moore, assistant chief constable of South Yorkshire police, said that the decision to convene a tribunal had been taken after an investigation by the chief constable of Cumbria, Leslie Sharp.

The Hillsborough tragedy was Britain's worst football disaster. It led to a public enquiry, a six-month police investigation, and an inquest that lasted for 80 days. Police handling of the crowd, which became crushed in the Leppings Lane end of the ground, was strongly criticised in a report by Lord Justice Taylor. The inquest, however, which ended in March this year, angered relatives with its verdict of accidental death. They condemned the result as a "judicial whitewash".

The tribunal can recommend action against the officers including a reprimand, fine, loss of rank, or dismissal. Last year the complaints authority referred 82 actions in which disciplinary charges were recommended.

Cash-plan award for crash victim may exceed £14m

By Robin Young

A BRAIN-damaged road crash victim was yesterday awarded damages in the High Court which could reach £14.8 million if he lives to be 80.

Raymond Everett, a former plumber, received severe head injuries three days before Christmas in 1985 when he was the front-seat passenger in a car that veered off the road and hit a lamppost at Walton-on-Thames, Surrey.

Now aged 29, he has the mind of a child aged seven to 13. He will need constant attention all his life but is expected to reach normal old age. Mr Everett is cared for by his family at their home in Hanwell, west London.

Under a conventional damages award Mr Everett would have received £1.3 million, which would have run out after 23 years, but under a structured settlement he receives £450,000 immediately, with £800,000 invested in three annuities to provide income for as long as he lives.

The structured form of the settlement was agreed by Prudential Assurance in return for a £110,000 discount to cover tax and administration costs. The company's client, the car driver, Peter Carter, of Hounslow, west London, admitted liability.

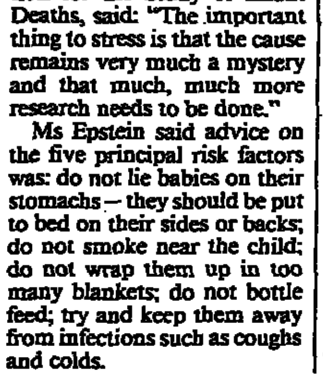
Mr Carter's counsel, William Gage, QC, said that if Mr Everett reaches the average male life expectation of 72, he would receive £9.7 million. By 75 that would rise to £11.3 million and at 80 he would receive £14.8 million.

Mr Everett's family is to receive £176,314 from the award for care already taken of him. Mr Justice Macpherson of Cluny said that the Everetts had spent endless hours and sacrificed their own lives to care for the injured man.

Outside the court Mr Everett's father said: "I am extremely happy and very pleased with the outcome. This is far, far superior to the old type of award. It will allow us to get two residential carers, so we will move to a bigger house."

Mr Everett's solicitor, Bryan Neill, said: "The courts have no power to order damages to be paid in this way. This means the insurance company is free to put a price on its agreement.

"We are grateful to Prudential Assurance for agreeing to deal with Raymond's damages by periodic payments through a structured settlement, but a greedy insurance company can say, 'Pay our price or lose the benefit of a structured settlement'. Courts should have power to order that damages are paid in this way."


Everett: needs constant care for rest of his life

Race-case police are admonished

By Craig Seton

TEN Nottinghamshire police officers have been admonished or given "appropriate advice" after an industrial tribunal ruled that the force racially discriminated against an Asian constable who was blocked in his ambition to become a detective.

The officers were seen by Colin Bailey, the deputy chief constable, over the case of PC Surinder Singh, aged 34, who successfully claimed that he had been prevented from joining the force's CID because of his colour. The Nottingham tribunal found in his favour last year and said that his every mistake had been picked on by other officers when he joined a scheme to test his suitability as a detective. It also found that racist language had permeated the force.

After winning his case PC Singh was transferred to the detective department and has also shared £35,000 with two other officers of ethnic origin given compensation and costs by the Nottinghamshire police. Many Nottinghamshire police officers gave evidence at the industrial tribunal and denied PC Singh's claims.

Yesterday, Mr Bailey said the ten officers had been admonished or given appropriate advice after the tribunal's observations about the actions and views expressed by certain officers at the hearing. Mr Bailey, detailing measures that had been introduced to promote equal opportunities, said one of the most disturbing features of the tribunal's findings was the revelation concerning racial language.

He said that Dan Crompton, the chief constable, had advised the force that "racist and sexist language in any form or style is totally unacceptable and will not be tolerated in any circumstances."

The chief constable, who last year had accepted the tribunal's findings, wanted to move forward and had taken positive steps on equal opportunities, Mr Bailey said. Policy and procedures had been implemented that meant that equal opportunities featured in most training courses and officers involved in the selection of recruits attended courses run by the race relations employment advisory service.

All senior CID officers attended workshops to ensure that trainees were fairly assessed. Steps were also being taken to establish a dedicated equal opportunities unit at the forces headquarters.

Diamond: gave up job to look after children

Infant son of Anne Diamond dies in cot

By Alice Thomson

THE four-month-old son of the television presenter Anne Diamond has died in his cot during the night. Sebastian, who is Miss Diamond and her husband Mike Hollingsworth's third child, is thought to have died from cot death syndrome.

Miss Diamond's agent, Jon Roseman, said yesterday: "The tragedy was discovered early this morning by Anne. The couple are devastated." Sebastian was born four weeks prematurely at the Wellington hospital, St John's Wood, London, weighing 5lb 13.5oz.

Miss Diamond was the presenter of TV-am's *Good Morning Britain* programme for nearly six years before she went to work for *TV Weekly*, the networked show for TVS. She gave up her job last year to look after her children.

Cot death syndrome is believed to be the cause of about 3,000 infant deaths every year. No single explanation has been discovered for what is the largest single cause of death of children aged between one and four months. Sebastian was at the peak age for cot deaths.

Researchers, however, have established a number of risk factors. Joyce Epstein, secretary general of the Foundation for the Study of Infant Deaths, said: "The important thing to stress is that the cause remains very much a mystery and that much, much more research needs to be done."

Ms Epstein said advice on the five principal risk factors was: do not lie babies on their stomachs — they should be put to bed on their sides or backs; do not smoke near the child; do not wrap them up in too many blankets; do not bottle feed; try and keep them away from infections such as coughs and colds.

IRA SUSPECTS CLEARED

Dutch judiciary accused of setting bad example

From Mark Fuller in Roermond

ON HEARING of the release yesterday of Gerard Harte, one dismayed inhabitant of Roermond said: "This is no justice." Mr Harte was one of four suspected IRA members who had been accused of the murder in the southern Dutch town last year of two Australian tourists.

The 20-day trial of Mr Harte, Donna Maguire, Paul Hughes and Sean Hick focused attention on the Dutch judicial system. Their acquittal created a wave of criticism and outrage.

Hans Gualthérie van Weezel, a justice spokesman for the governing Christian Democrats, said in a newspaper interview that the judiciary was setting a bad example. He said the Dutch system of justice was not set up to handle such cases. Jos Heitzer, a Roermond shopkeeper and one of the key witnesses in the trial, said: "I have no more faith in the Dutch legal system and will never stand as a witness again."

Willem van Bennekom, who defended Mr Hughes, rejected claims that Dutch justice was too lenient. "Justice is not a matter of feeling but of law. In this case there was just not enough proof for conviction." The justice ministry said: "We would rather release a possible perpetrator because of lack of evidence than convict an innocent man."

During the trial a comparison was made between the Dutch and the English systems of justice. Defence lawyers cited the Birmingham Six and Guildford Four as examples of the dangers inherent in the British adversarial system.

The inquisitorial system used in The Netherlands places the emphasis on examining magistrates. The Dutch public prosecutor can and often does ask the magistrate to institute a preliminary judicial enquiry. Only then does the prosecution decide if there is a case.

If the prosecution proceeds it is usually assumed there is a real chance of a conviction. Even if not successful, the prosecution has the right of appeal. The Dutch non-jury trial is a relaxed and academic affair, often without the need for the appearance of witnesses.

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Three facing long wait in Germany

From Ian Murray in Bonn

AFTER being cleared by the Dutch courts yesterday, the three Irish suspects whose extradition to Germany is sought can expect to spend months and even years in prison before coming to trial.

They are wanted for questioning about attacks at or near British bases in Germany in 1989 which the German anti-terrorist squad is anxious to clear up. One incident they will be questioned about is the shooting dead of an RAF corporal and his baby daughter outside a restaurant in Wildenrath. "We are especially anxious to bring whoever did that to justice," a spokesman for the squad said.

Under German law, people suspected of serious terrorist offences can be detained almost indefinitely pending trial. A court must decide within 24 hours of their arrest whether they should be held, after which they can be held on remand while enquiries continue, if produced in court every six months.

Two alleged IRA members, Terence McGeough and Gerard Hanratty, are on trial in Düsseldorf accused of two bombings at army bases in 1987 and 1988 in which 46 people were injured. They were arrested in September 1988, charged in June 1989 and their trial is not expected to end before September and may continue into next year.

One reason for the initial delay was that Germany waited to see whether Belgium might want to extradite the men, because they were arrested in possession of a gun believed to have been used in the Ostend shooting of an army sergeant in 1988. Belgium decided not to proceed and the anti-terrorist squad continued collecting evidence.

The German squad is perhaps the most experienced of its kind in Europe because of investigation methods it began to develop more than 15 years ago to deal with the Baader-Meinhoff gang. In dealing with suspected IRA cases, it calls on the resources of British intelligence, with whom it has developed a close working relationship.

German investigations concluded that the 1989 attacks were the work of one group.

Peer is leaving heritage post

Lady Hollis of Heigham, a former Norwich council leader and now a Labour environment spokesman in the Lords, is one of three English Heritage commissioners not being reappointed (John Young writes). The others are Sir George Moseley, a former civil servant, and David Somerset, formerly of the Bank of England.

Lady Hollis, former leader of Norwich city council, was appointed a commissioner in 1988. Michael Heseltine, the environment secretary, is understood to feel that her continuance as chairman of the body's historic areas advisory committee is incompatible with her position as a Labour spokesman on the environment in the Lords.

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Heseltine in pursuit of power

❝Power is the name of the game," Michael Heseltine said to me many years ago. Perhaps he was relentlessly pursuing power for no other reason than he desperately wanted to have it. He was

hovering around in October 1990 as the prime minister's problems multiplied. He was not wrestling with his conscience, only pondering his chances of success❞

Nicholas Ridley on the toppling of Margaret Thatcher, in The Sunday Times tomorrow

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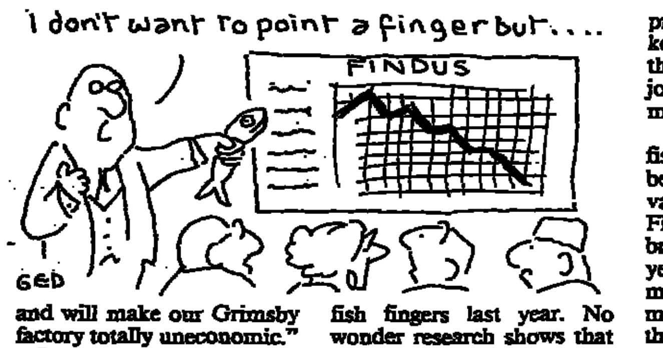
Fate points at a children's favourite

By Robin Young

THE fickle finger of fate has finally caught up with that other legendary digit, the fish finger. It is the declining popularity of this essential ingredient of British nursery diet that is blamed for the announcement that Findus Foods will be closing its Grimsby fish processing factory in two years with the loss of 900 jobs.

Findus said yesterday that purchases of coated fish products such as fish fingers had fallen by a fifth in four years. "Most careful study of the frozen food market," added Richard Webb, the Findus general manager, "has highlighted the fact that this slump is set to continue, and will make our Grimsby factory totally uneconomic."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In 1987 the nation munched 36,000 tonnes of fish fingers, Findus says. This year, it estimates, the total will be down by a quarter, at 27,000 tonnes. That is still a lot of fish fingers. The latest word is that consumption totalled 952,000,000 fish fingers last year. No wonder research shows that children asked to sketch a fish are liable to produce a rectangle covered with crumbs rather than anything as fishy as fins or scales.

Findus were small players in the fish-fingering business, claiming only about 2 per cent of the coated fish products market. The market leaders, Birds Eye, deny that the finger is in danger of joining the list of endangered marine species.

The truth seems to be that fish fingers sales are down because there is increased variety in processed foods. Findus's sales of French bread pizzas (£23 million a year), crispy pancakes (£36 million) and lasagne (£10 million), far outstripped their sales of fish fingers and coated fish steaks. There is also the consideration that a food processor's recipe dish production line can handle a variety of products, but a fish finger production line will do nothing but fish fingers.

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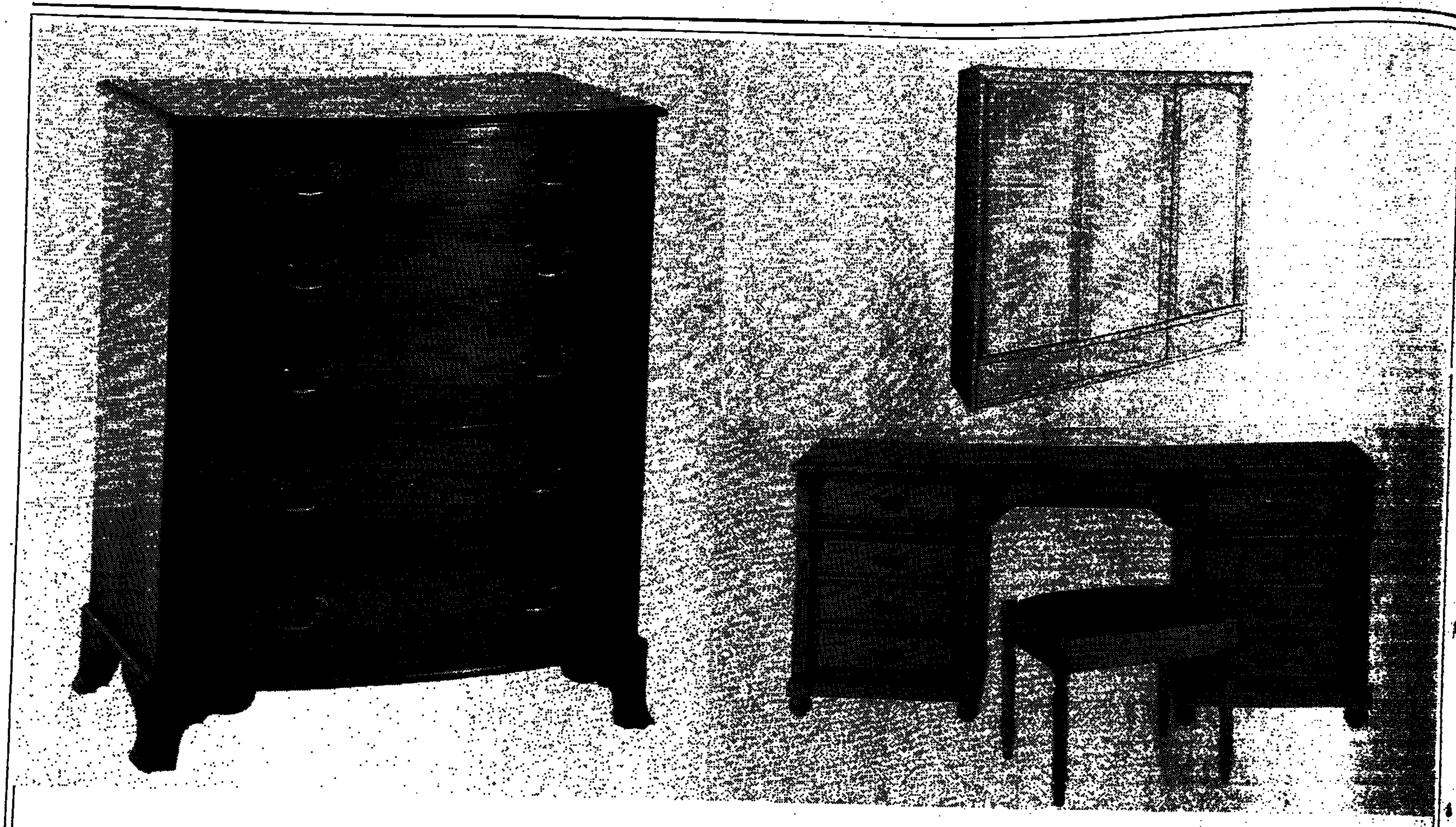

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British value work less than other Europeans

By RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN values work less than any other European country, according to a survey to be published next year. Interviews with 30,000 people in ten nations show that Britons rated work less than friends, family and leisure. But religion and politics were valued even lower.

Preliminary results of the samples representing 800 million people in Western and Eastern Europe and North America were disclosed yesterday at a Roman Catholic conference in Liverpool on social teaching. Full results of the survey, by the European Value Systems Study Group Foundation, will be published in Britain early next year.

The highest percentage of those who consider work of little importance, 12 per cent, is found in Britain, compared with a European average of 4.5 per cent. But the British rated taking pride in work higher than any other nation: 83 per cent, against a Western Europe average of 40 per cent.

The British were also more satisfied with their jobs than Europeans as a whole, although the Belgians and Irish were most satisfied.

In Europe overall, good pay and pleasant colleagues were considered the most important aspects of a job, but in Britain the most important feature was that a job should be interesting, followed by good pay.

Britain followed the European pattern on one key issue: a third of those interviewed said that when jobs were scarce, men had more right to work than women. The survey also showed that the British trust the unions and major companies less than the European average and have even less confidence in the social security system.

The findings were presented by Fr Jan Kerkhofs, SJ, professor of theology and social science at Leuven Catholic university, Belgium, and co-chairman of the foundation, who said: "Increasingly, people stress the importance of the quality of their jobs and rate their self-satisfaction more highly."

Earlier, the Archbishop of Liverpool, the Most Rev Derek Worlock, called for "an adult Christian worker movement, neither separatist trade union nor political party, which would help to form and sustain working men and women in their task of bringing the human face of Christ to tomorrow's technologised world of work."

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Man raped his four daughters

A father who systematically raped and abused his four daughters throughout their childhoods was jailed for 13 years by the Central Criminal Court yesterday. They told police because they feared that their father, aged 53, a former soldier, would assault the young daughters of the woman with whom he went to live, the court was told.

The father admitted charges of rape and indecency between 1973 and 1986. The eldest daughter, now 28, told police that when she was between nine and 16 her father made her have sex with him two to four times a week.

Chase death

A man drowned yesterday during a police chase as he stumbled into a deep pool in a river that he thought was knee-deep. Two men seen near parked cars in Sheffield had run into the Sheaf.

£35,000 award

Mohammed Riaz, of Sheffield, won £35,000 High Court damages after Lancashire police admitted having him held for three months on unjustified conspiracy charges.

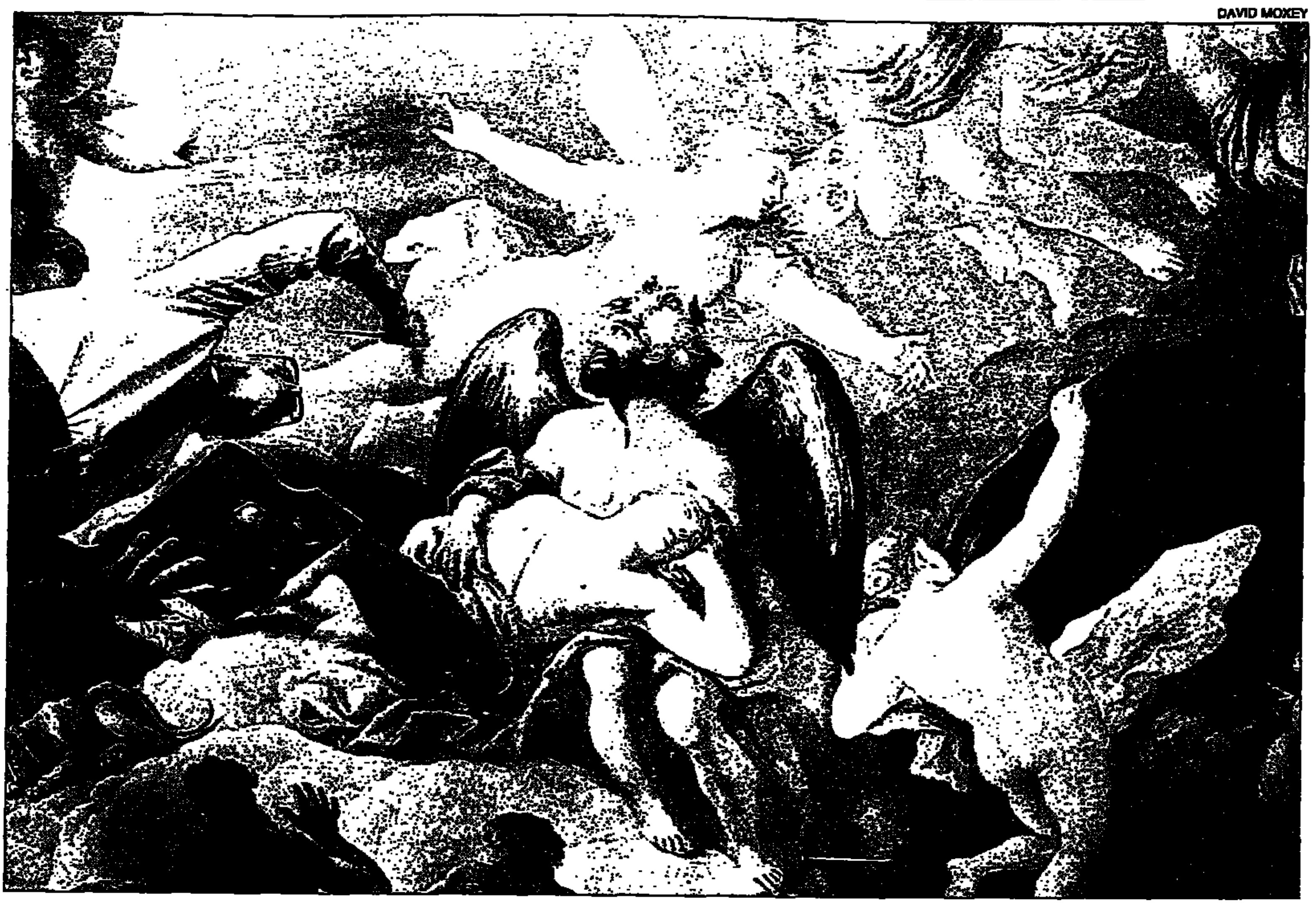
Labour loss

Labour has lost its Clwyd county council majority after a Tory by-election win at Abergele put opposition parties and Labour at 33 each.

Professor at 29

Sue Arrowsmith has become Wales's youngest university professor at 29, taking a chair of law at the University College of Wales, Aberystwyth.

DAVID MOXEY



High commission: David Waterhouse of English Heritage applies the final touches in the restoration of an Antonio Verrio painting on the ceiling of William III's bedroom at Hampton Court Palace. Mr Waterhouse and two colleagues have spent two months on the painting, which depicts Endymion asleep in the arms of Morpheus, as part of restoration work needed after the fire at the palace in 1986. Verrio, a southern Italian who was brought to England by Charles II, completed the original in about 1700. His work was in much demand from the Crown and he also decorated Windsor Castle. It is hoped that the bedroom and other parts of Hampton Court Palace will be opened to the public next summer.

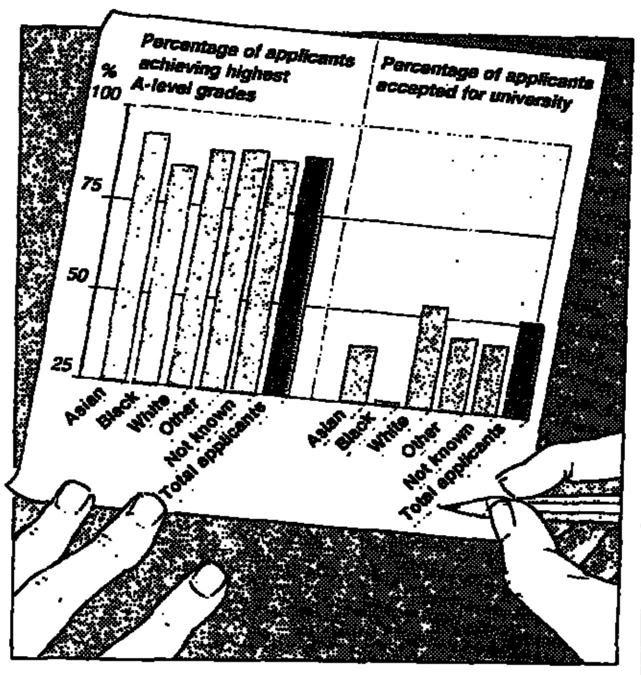
Attacker a victim of 'temporary madness'

FIVE appeal judges created a new defence of "temporary madness" in Scotland yesterday in a ruling that overturned the conviction of a man who had carried out a series of knife attacks after his drink was spiked with drugs.

Robert Ross, aged 20, went berserk after LSD and Temazepam were slipped into his lager. He assaulted nine people, leaving some severely injured and permanently disfigured. But the Court of Criminal Appeal in Edinburgh quashed his conviction on the grounds that there had been a miscarriage of justice. They said he had a complete defence of temporary madness.

The judges were told that Mr Ross was left like an automaton deprived of his own self-control after the drugs were slipped into his drink. Mr Ross, of Johnstone, Renfrewshire, was convicted by the High Court in Glasgow of nine charges of assault with the use of a knife. Lord Cowie, the trial judge, placed him on probation for a year because of the special circumstances.

Scotland's senior judge, the Lord Justice General, Lord Hope, said in his judgment that Ross committed the acts while he was not conscious of what he was doing and in a state sometimes described as "non-insane automatism".



Colleges to check for hidden racism

By DAVID TYTLER, EDUCATION EDITOR

UNIVERSITIES are to investigate their admissions policies to ensure that there is no hidden racism after the publication of figures which show that bright black teenagers are less likely to be given places than their white and Asian counterparts.

Students applying for places were asked for the first time last year to indicate their ethnic origin on the entry form supplied by the Universities Central Council on Admissions (UCCA), although the information was not passed to the colleges.

Figures published by UCCA yesterday show that in the group with the highest A-level scores, 92.6 per cent of Asian, 90.1 per cent of white and 85.7 per cent of black applicants were accepted. In the lowest scoring group, 17.1 per cent of whites, 10.5 per cent of Asians and 9.8 per cent of blacks were accepted. Each A grade scores ten points, a B grade, eight, and C, six, with AS levels scoring half the points.

The committee of vice-chancellors and principals, which represents all 48 British universities, has asked its academic advisory committee to examine the figures because of the "apparent differences in the relative success of applicants with different ethnic backgrounds".

Not all sixth formers applying for university places are interviewed before being made offers based on their A-level performance. The practice varies from university to university and even within departments in the same college. The vice-chancellors are anxious that there can be no suggestion of racism in their admissions' policy and will ask every university to check its own record.

● The number of students applying for top-up loans of up to £480 a year has fallen far below government expectations, with only 190,000 of a possible 643,000 seeking loans before next Monday's closing date for applications this year.

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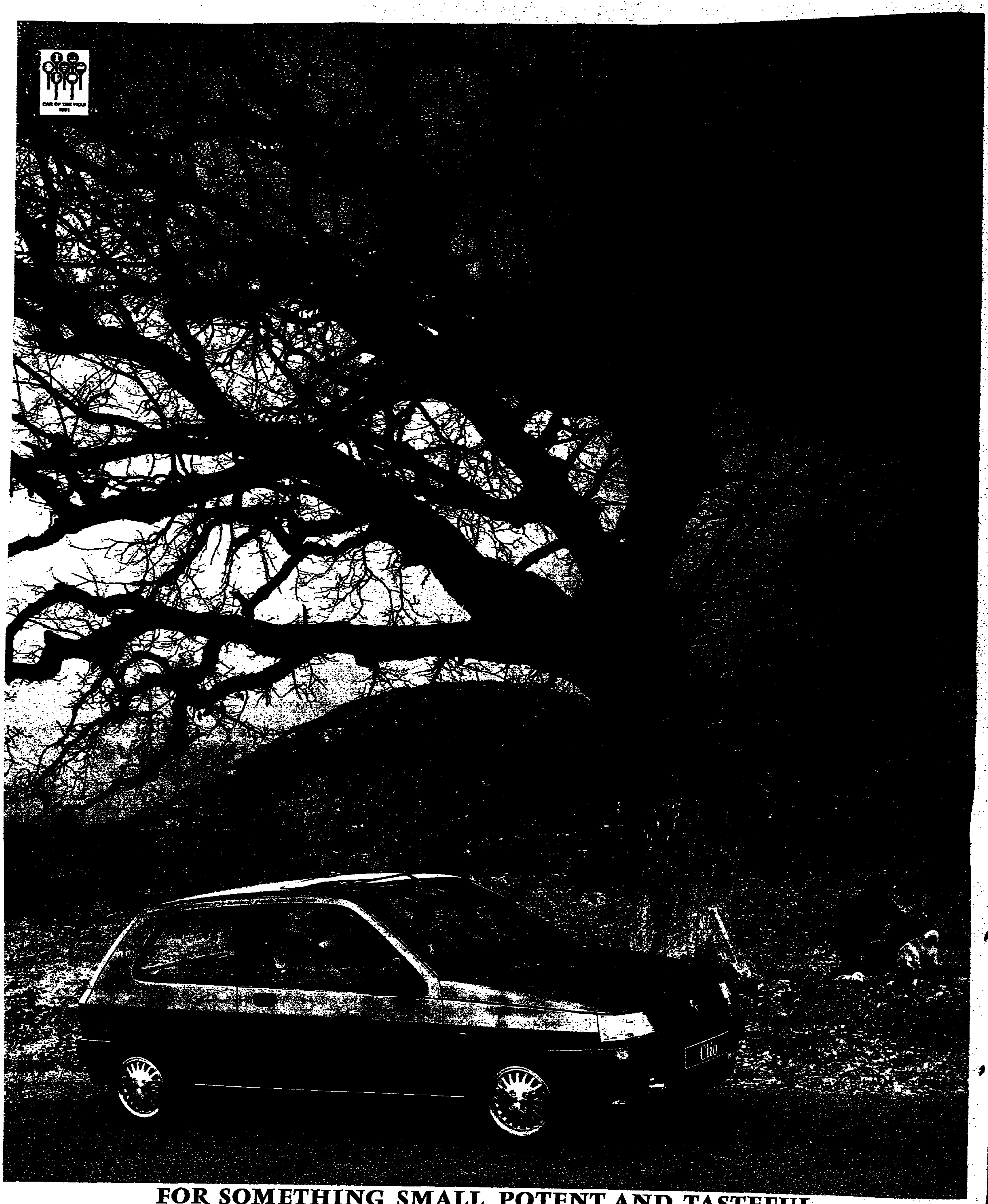

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Kinnock wins time as Labour study fails to endorse PR

By SHEILA GUNN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

NEIL Kinnock yesterday won a breathing space in Labour's internecine dispute on electoral reform as a working group set up by the party firmly refused to recommend any voting system as ideal for all forms of election.

The reform lobby welcomed the group's interim report as inevitably leading to some form of proportional representation (PR) system of voting for Labour's proposed Scottish parliament, regional assemblies or reformed second chamber. However, the report makes clear it is not yet ready to hand down any "tablets of stone". The report goes to the meeting on Monday of Labour's national executive committee.

Some shadow cabinet members, most notably Robin Cook, now expect a different voting system to be written into the general election manifesto for proposed institutions, such as a Scottish parliament. However, the working group's chairman, Raymond Plant, of Southampton university, insisted that he would not be rushed into recommending radical changes affecting the whole nature of representative democracy. The group's analysis of the alternative voting systems refuses to confer on any system a monopoly on fairness.

"We are not convinced that there is a straightforward idea of fairness which on its own could lead us clearly in the direction of choosing proportional over plurality systems or vice versa," the interim report says. However, the group wants any system to be understood easily by voters and, possibly, different forms of voting for different bodies.

Dr Plant told a Westminster press conference that he would not be susceptible to political pressure for a quick decision. He added: "It would be a mistake to think that exactly the same electoral system had to be used across the board if the functions of these institutions were to differ markedly."

However, he came close to ruling out the introduction of a single transferable vote system of PR, laid down as a condition by the Liberal Democrats for supporting a minority government after the next general election. Dr Plant said the group was "not keen" on the system for primary legislation, "because we do not see how the relationship between accountability of a member and constituents could be maintained".

The single transferable vote, used in Ireland, Australia and the Northern Ireland elections to the European Parliament, might not be in the best interests of democracy, he said, because it cut the link of accountability and could lead to members of the same party competing against each other.

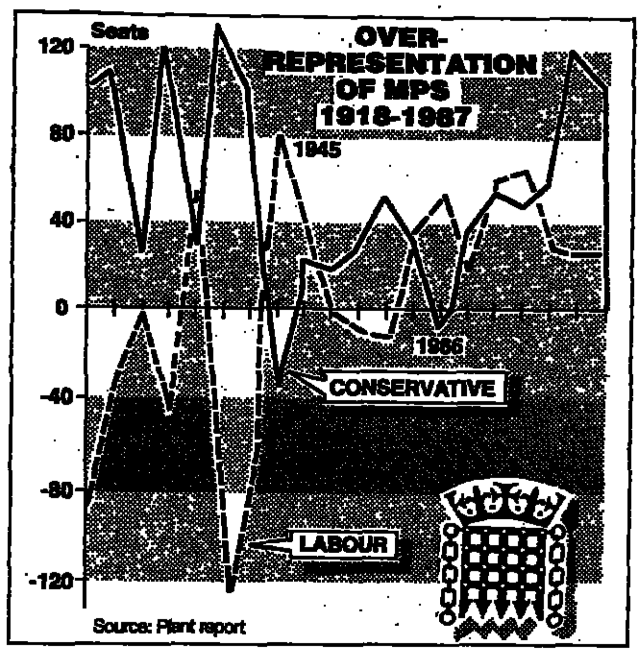
Mr Kinnock, the Labour leader, said the report showed the party's determination to give the public a real opportunity to be involved in a debate which had too often been conducted in a rarefied and partially informed way.

Roy Hattersley, his deputy, restated his hostility to PR, saying: "There is a total irrationality in saying that since we cannot get elected under this system we will change the system, since we cannot change the system until we get elected."

Robin Cook, a passionate campaigner for electoral reform, said: "I would be surprised if there is not a commitment in the manifesto for PR for some elections."

One of the party's strongest opponents of reform, George Foulkes, described the Plant report as another sad step on the slippery slope towards PR.

Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrats leader, said Dr Plant had opened the door to reform but the challenge was to see whether the Labour leader had the courage to walk through it.



Source: Plant report

Six ways to use the ballot box

THE Plant group studied these voting systems:

First past the post: winning candidate must receive most votes, not necessarily majority. Used in United Kingdom for local, general and European elections, except for Ulster elections to Europe. Produces strong party allegiances.

Second ballot: if no candidate gets absolute majority, second voting round between highest placed candidates. Used for France's national assembly and president.

Alternative vote: voters list candidates in order of preference. If nobody wins overall majority of first preferences, lowest-placed candidate drops out and votes transferred to others. Used for Australian House of Representatives.

List system: voters choose between party lists of candidates rather than individuals in multi-member constituencies. Used in Belgium, Italy, Luxembourg, Spain, Netherlands, Israel.

Additional member system: half members elected by first-past-post and half by regional list system, as in Germany. Voter has one vote for candidate and one for party.

Single transferable vote: voters in multi-list constituencies put candidates in order of preference. Candidate must reach "quota" for election, otherwise lowest-placed candidate drops out and votes transferred to others. Used for Irish Dáil, Australian senate, Ulster Euro elections.

Ministers defend 'green' role

By PETER MULLIGAN

THE government is to respond in detail next week to complaints about its approach to the environment by Sir Frederick Holliday, who has offered his resignation as its most senior adviser on conservation.

David Trippier, the environment minister, responding yesterday in the Commons to criticism of Conservative "green" credentials, said that ministers were pursuing the matter urgently. The decision to set up an advisory committee to review sites of special scientific interest "in no way" undermined the role of the joint nature conservation committee, of which Sir Frederick has been independent chairman, and which aims to uphold protection for the sites.

Sir Frederick has indicated that he was not consulted about the new committee, which was formed after strong pressure was put on the government by landowning peers in the House of Lords.

Ann Taylor, the shadow environment minister, told MPs during yesterday's debate on the environment that Sir Frederick was not a a man to resign lightly or without good reason. She said: "He could obviously not accept that the personal interests of a few Scottish landowners should take precedence over the needs of the environment."

Ministers would have to "make the choice between the needs of the conservationists and the wishes of rich landowners, including some in the House of Lords", Mrs Taylor said.

MICHAEL POWELL

Covering up: dancers from the London Studio Centre, publicity stills to the fore, rehearsing a scene from *A Chorus Line* for tonight's gala performance at the Royalty Theatre to mark Dame Alicia Markova's eightieth birthday. Prince Edward and Dame Alicia will be in the audience

Post-feminism finally discards the boiler suit

By KERRY GILL

AN international conference on feminist theory will open in Glasgow today with representatives from 17 countries attending the two-day event.

All the speakers will be women but men will be among the 400 delegates engaging in debate. Sandra Kemp, a senior lecturer at Glasgow university and one of the conference organisers, said: "If I thought a man had written a really outstanding primary text in the area of feminist theory I would have invited him to speak, but so far all men have done is respond to the new ideas offered by women."

She added: "Never before has the feminist debate been so international. Some delegates will be men. For months we have had calls from them asking if they can come and will there be any other men. We don't necessarily want them to be sympathetic."

Dr Kemp said that she wanted to dispel the image of the feminist as a woman dressed in a boiler suit and corps boots. "We are a long way beyond that. There are so many different kinds of feminist, some who are very feminine, chic and elegant, although some no doubt will be in boiler suits."

She also emphasised that a sense of humour would pervade the "intense political debate". She has invited a group of Americans known as the V Girls to open the conference. "They do a very funny sketch sending up feminist academics," she said.

In debate, the delegates will be encouraged to address "the chair", fuelling the controversy, reported this week in *The Times*, over the growing acceptance of a neutral term that many believe best describes the furniture on which the chairman sits. However, Dr Kemp, a lecturer in English, said: "I think chair is a very good term. We've got used to it in the same way as Ms has taken over from the awful Miss."

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Eight leaders who must find economic answers to a world of problems

Brian Mulroney, 52
Progressive Conservative

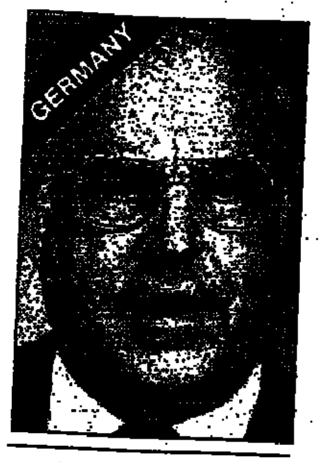
Mr Mulroney, sworn in as 18th prime minister of Canada in 1984 and re-elected in 1988. Successful president of an iron ore company, he was elected leader of Progressive Conservatives in 1983 and entered Parliament in 1984 for Nova Scotia constituency. A formerly popular prime minister who forged close relations with President Reagan and negotiated a free trade treaty, he has been battered by failure of Meech Lake accord to resolve Quebec's status, and economic recession. Popularity now at low ebb. Canadian economy is smallest of G7, recovering from recession, with inflation rate at 6.2 per cent.

Jaques Delors, 66
French Socialist

M Delors, president of European Commission since 1985, reappointed in 1989. Banker and French socialist politician who taught at the Ecole Nationale d'Administration. Served as MEP and, from 1981-84, was finance minister who moderated early socialist policies. A dynamic and austere commission president, who has presided over activist policies and the launch of single market programme. Convinced federalist, and chairman of 1989 report on economic and monetary union. Clashed with Britain over speed and goals of European integration. May harbour ambitions to run for French presidency.

Francois Mitterrand, 74
Socialist

President Mitterrand, leader of France since 1981 and longest-serving member of G7. Active Resistance fighter during the war, subsequently becoming socialist politician, holding office as minister of interior and justice, senator and socialist party secretary. Drew back from early socialist economic policies and presided over increasing French influence in European Community affairs. Strong alliance with Germany and support for Western defence, taking France into Gulf war. Considered aloof, his popularity has seen rapid swings. France's recession ended in 1990. Inflation rate: 3.2 per cent.



Helmut Kohl, 60
Christian Democrat

Herr Kohl, chancellor of West Germany since 1982 and of Germany since October 1990. Elected prime minister of Rhineland Palatinate in 1969 and federal chairman of the Christian Democratic Union in 1973. Became chairman of Bundestag parliamentary party in 1976. Underrated by opponents, sees himself as "Adenauer's grandson," setting store by alliance with France. Personally and politically indebted to Gorbachev, he favours aid to Soviet Union. Triumphed in 1990 election but has lost popularity. German economy strongest in Europe, but strained by rebuilding east. Inflation rate: 3 per cent.

Giulio Andreotti, 72
Christian Democrat

Signor Andreotti, prime minister of Italy for third time since July 1989. Has held office in government almost without a break since 1947, in turn secretary of interior, defence, finance, trade, and foreign affairs. First became prime minister 1972-1973 and again 1976-79. Strong European federalist, pro-Nato and pro-American. A wily negotiator, his style of government is now challenged by calls for more stable and less corrupt system. Wants G7 to encourage stability in Mediterranean and Middle East. Economy at home suffering from huge budget deficit and weak growth. Inflation rate: 6.9 per cent.

Toshiki Kaifu, 60
Liberal Democrat

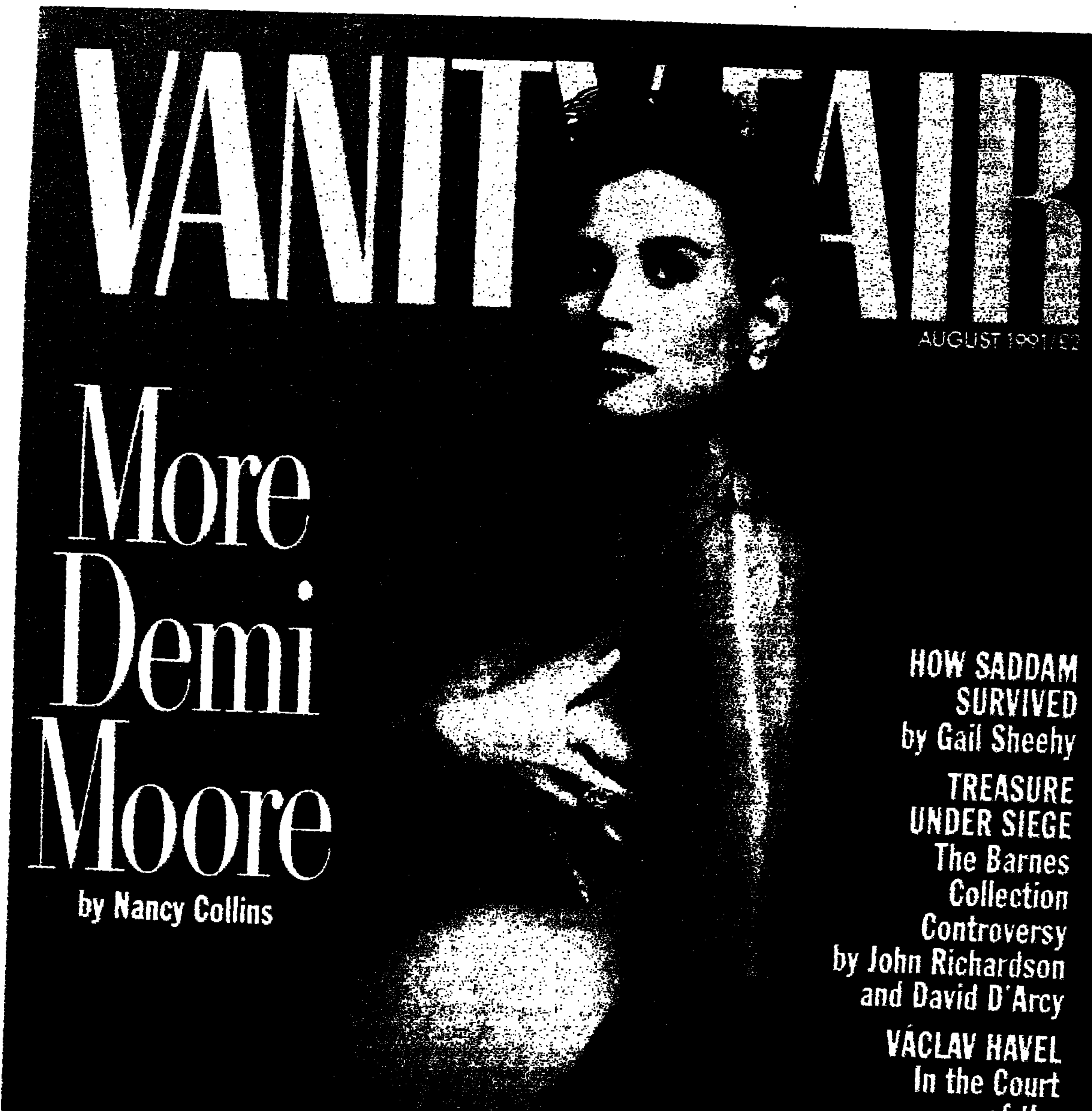
Mr Kaifu, Japanese prime minister since August 1989. Lawyer, elected to parliament as Liberal Democrat in 1960, became parliamentary vice-minister for labour in 1966, deputy chief cabinet secretary in 1974, minister of education in 1976. Appointed after fall of Sosuke Uno, was seen as weak interim prime minister who would be ousted by party elders. Building up own following. Opposes G7 aid to Soviet Union (because of territorial dispute with Moscow) and large scale debt relief to third world. Under pressure from Europe and US over trade surplus. Economy strong but slowing. Inflation: 3.4 per cent.

John Major, 48
Conservative

Mr Major, prime minister since November 1990 and summit host. A self-educated banker, he entered parliament in 1979 and served as a parliamentary private secretary in the Home Office. Assistant chief whip and senior whip, minister of state for social security and Treasury chief secretary. Briefly foreign secretary in 1989, becoming Chancellor of the Exchequer in October. High popularity during Gulf war, now trailing Labour and facing election in 1992. Opposes cash aid to Soviet Union. British economy in recession with only distant prospects of recovery. Inflation rate: 5.8 per cent and falling.

George Bush, 67
Republican

Mr Bush, 41st president of the United States, elected in 1988. Founder of Texan oil companies. Served as ambassador to the United Nations, chairman of Republican party, head of mission in China and director of CIA. Vice-president to Ronald Reagan. More of a moderate, establishment president than his predecessor, he won record popularity rating during the Gulf war. Has steered country into post-Cold War relationships with Europe and Soviet Union. Vacillating on domestic policy. Wants fall in global interest rates and G7 to boost Uruguay round trade talks. Inflation rate: 5 per cent and falling.



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AGENDA

Concern for new democracies will dominate talks

MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

THE theme of this year's meeting of the Group of Seven, the 17th since such annual meetings began, will be "Strengthening the international order," or "Helping underpin democracy". An overtly political agenda reflects the Seven's concern and responsibility for the new democracies of the post-communist world.

John Major, the host, hopes this will not extend to a discussion of Western aid to the Soviet Union. Mr Gorbachev, who arrives on Tuesday evening, will not meet the seven leaders until their formal discussions are over on Wednesday.

But, with the Germans still pressing for substantial Western engagement in, if not aid for, Soviet reform, the issue is likely to dominate the discussions on Monday and Tuesday. The Western leaders will, however, back proposals for some new Soviet "associate membership" in the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank.

Following the pattern of recent meetings, the summit will focus on both political and economic affairs. The political themes in the rough agenda include arms transfers, with Britain and America calling for a United Nations register of arms sales especially to the Middle East, the non-proliferation of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons, and plans to strengthen and accelerate the work of United Nations disaster relief agencies and give them armed protection for their work where necessary.

The seven national leaders, together with Ruud Lubbers, the Dutch prime minister, representing the presidency of the European Community, and Jacques Delors, the European Commission president, are also likely to discuss the turmoil in Yugoslavia, and especially EC attempts to enforce its peace plan.

Economic declarations will focus on old chestnuts that dominated the last meeting in Houston. The core theme, lying at the heart of the G7 rationale, is prospects for the world economy. There will be a review, and the meeting will conclude that the outlook, though worse than last year, is less gloomy than it was in January. The Americans will push hard for lower interest rates, and the Germans will come under pressure. The Japanese will again be urged to reduce their trade surplus.

As in Houston, the nine men will attempt to give a boost to the Uruguay Round of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, and the communiqué is likely to call for an early, successful and comprehensive outcome. This is the more urgent in view of the failure of the Brussels summit in December to break the log-jam. Europe will come under strong pressure from Amrica over its protectionist common agricultural policy; Japan will be urged, again, to open up its rice market.

On Eastern Europe, G7 will try to send a signal that, although Mr Gorbachev is coming to London, this does not mean that the rest of Europe is forgotten. Developing countries' debt is also on the agenda. Several G7 countries are sympathetic to calls for debt relief and even forgiveness by the poorest developing countries, although the Japanese take a hard line against this. Mr Major will emphasise Britain's insistence on aid being conditional on good government.

The environment has also become a regular component of the economic declarations. Drugs, too, will again be discussed, but probably only perfunctorily.

PERSONALITY QUIRKS

Guests may prove difficult to please

By JOE JOSEPH

EVEN Alan Ayckbourn might have difficulty inventing dialogue that would convince an audience that the summit leaders had much in common beyond a taste for raw power and a tolerance for well-cooked formal dinners. John Major will be entertaining an idiosyncratic crowd and he will not be able to fall back on playing horseshoes to kill time. There will still be all those dinners and receptions to fill with chit-chat.

A worrying guest for any host is Brian Mulroney, prime minister of Canada. He changes his shirt as many as five times a day, but it is not clear why. Toshiki Kaifu, the Japanese prime minister, is also a fussy dresser, although his catalogue of daring runs not much further than from A to B. He has a fetish for polka dot ties, owning hundreds and likely to buy more in London.

Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, is about to take his annual summer break by an Austrian lake. He will have an end-of-term feeling and should be an easy guest.

Italy's leader, Giulio Andreotti, likes to live well and probably thinks that Fellini makes documentaries. He has been in and out of office for four decades, which underlines his sense of humour.

President Mitterrand of France likes antiquarian books, country walks and the company of pretty women. An opinion poll found that 14 per cent of the French, male and female, would love to have him on holiday with them, which says something about something.

President Bush is a Brooks Brothers man with a weakness for baseball, not Italian suits. If he disappears from the summit next week, his colleagues might well find him outside playing catch.

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GORBACHEV MISSION

Doubts cast on Soviet 'death bed' conversion

From PETER STOTHARD, US EDITOR, IN WASHINGTON AND MARY DEJEVSKY IN MOSCOW

THE White House yesterday looked sceptically on economic claims by Mikhail Gorbachev aimed at softening the hearts of Western leaders at next week's G7 summit.

After studying a 23-page letter which Mr Gorbachev had sent to the summit participants, the National Security Adviser, Brent Scowcroft, said that it contained "the same kinds of things that we've seen before".

The cool reception for the letter came as Mr Gorbachev stressed in Moscow that he was seeking an assurance of political good will from the London summit, not charity. He was speaking after a meeting with the praesidium of the Soviet parliament and leaders of parliamentary groups, at which he had received their "understanding" for his mission to London. Yesterday, as expected, the Soviet parliament approved in principle the latest draft of the new Union Treaty, which is intended to keep the Soviet Union together while devolving much power to the republics. Parliamentary approval means that Mr Gorbachev will be able to claim in London that the treaty is as good as signed.

Parliament made a number of recommendations, however, which could cause problems. They include a requirement for a federal tax and for a directly elected upper house of parliament.

In Washington, General Scowcroft was especially dismissive of the statement in Mr Gorbachev's letter that Soviet defence spending had already been reduced by 29 per cent from previously planned levels. "It's not at all clear they have a precise understanding of total defense expenditure," he said.

President Bush, who was entertaining the Japanese prime minister, Toshiki Kaifu, at Kennebunkport and spending time fishing, said that it was "a fantastic letter" but one with which "we've got some differences". The president appeared to be pleased with elements of the letter's frankness, praising it for "openness and candour", but it was unlikely, officials suggested, that it would meet American, British and Japanese objections to supplying large-scale financial help.

Mr Gorbachev met reporters for the second time in a week yesterday, apparently to stress that his submission in London had national and popular support. The Soviet parliament's approval of the union treaty, however, was not all plain-sailing. The two biggest republics, Russia and the Ukraine, have insisted on levying only a republic tax of which an agreed amount will subsequently be remitted to the centre. They have indicated that they may not sign the treaty unless the tax arrangements are changed.

At his press conference yesterday, Mr Gorbachev appeared more subdued than he had been earlier in the week, suggesting that the parliamentary praesidium's support for his submission in London might have been less than full. Soviet conservatives, in particular, regard the Soviet leader's fund-raising trips to the West as demeaning to the Soviet Union.

As though in answer to such critics, Mr Gorbachev told reporters: "If any one of you still thinks that Gorbachev will kneel down and pray to the leaders of the developed countries, that is just not serious. We all have an interest in the process of developing new forms of co-operation."

He said that an inter-republican body would probably be set up to liaise between the Soviet Union and Western investors and financial circles and assess "more profitable directions for investments".

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JAPAN

Tokyo can afford to keep in step

From DAVID WATTS IN HONG KONG

JAPAN comes to the Group of Seven industrialised nations summit in a stronger position than for some years. With a recent reduction in the bank rate of 1 per cent, no one is in a position to criticise Tokyo for failing to make a contribution to the revival of Western economic performance. Indeed, Japan seems likely to be the only one of the seven to end the current year with a respectable current account surplus.

Equally, Japan is in harmony with what is likely to be the majority summit view on aid and assistance to the Soviet Union. Japan is opposed to financial assistance for President Gorbachev, not only because of the continued stand-off over the return of the disputed Kurile islands, but because its state and private sectors recoil from potential political instability. Equally, the sluggish Soviet bureaucracy remains anathema to Japan despite some plans by firms to set up marketing operations in anticipation of a more open economic system. Tokyo, however, can go along with technical assistance.

Japan will also be able to agree with proposals to limit arms sales and establish a registry for arms deals. Japan has indicated that its aid policies will depend partly on the arms spending of recipient governments. Significantly, Tokyo is excluding the leading arms salesman to the Third World — China — from this policy.

Japan expects to be in alliance with the United States in efforts to get the Uruguay trade round moving again. Agricultural protectionism is the key question and Tokyo is ready to act in alliance with Washington against the European Community, in spite of its determined refusal to open its rice market to imports.

Overshadowed by the past: President Gorbachev, under a Stalin-era painting of Lenin, announcing in Moscow yesterday that he had won the Supreme Soviet's support for his negotiating position at the London summit

SOVIET UNION

Paper chase on road to reform

FROM MARY DEJEVSKY IN MOSCOW

THE Soviet Union's road to the market economy has not only been rough and twisting, it has also been strewn with paper. The Soviet leadership has, over the past 14 months, considered no fewer than seven comprehensive economic programmes.

Four now remain, and these are believed to provide the basis for President Gorbachev's submission to the Group of Seven next week. The government of Valentin Pavlov has produced the third edition of its "anti-crisis programme"; Grigori Yavlinsky, the economist, has collaborated with Harvard University to produce the "Window of Opportunity" programme; and the government of the Russian Federation has produced its own reform programme. A report on the the Soviet economy published by the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, has also been published.

The most influential document of the four is probably the IMF report. It gives a detailed and damning assessment of the Soviet economy and was widely dismissed by Soviet officials as an unwarranted intrusion into Soviet affairs. It is now clear, however, that many proposals have been implemented. Legislation on privatisation, foreign investment, taxation and an anti-trust law have been introduced and steps have been taken to reduce the amount of surplus money in circulation, to liberalise prices and to relax market controls on housing and land.

The "anti-crisis programme" sets a series of objectives, mainly domestic, over the next two years. It includes bilateral agreements between enterprises and the introduction of tax concessions in return for investment in rural infrastructure. The Yavlinsky plan suggests how and why Western help should be mobilised to make the Soviet transition faster.

Mr Yavlinsky argues that there must be a strong central monetary and fiscal control, thus limiting the republics' room for manoeuvre.

It is the growing role of the republics that has meant that Mr Gorbachev has had to pore over the Russian Federation plan, named the Silayev programme after the former prime minister. This assumes that Russia will collect its own taxes and calls for widespread denationalisation. The vilification it has received in the official press is a sure sign that the central leadership is taking it seriously.

NOTEBOOK

Meanwhile, just across the road

By MICHAEL McCARTHY, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

BARELY a stretch-limousine length across the road from the summit, a rival international summit will be taking place as an awkward reminder to the heads of state that in the search for global prosperity and well-being, theirs is not the only agenda.

There will be no bodyguards involved in this one. The Other Economic Summit, known fondly to its participants by its acronymn, Toes, is an annual grouping of radical economists, environmentalists and experts on the Third World which shadows the Group of Seven, and has been doing so since their last meeting in London in 1984. Its principles are those enshrined in the subtitle of Fritz Schumacher's celebrated book, *Small is Beautiful: a study of economics as if people mattered.*

In their proceedings the alternative summiteers will be attempting to inject human and, increasingly, environmental values into the calculations of gross national product and growth rate by which, they feel, the G7 members ruthlessly judge a country's success.

Their difference of approach is, this year, strikingly reflected in the difference of venues. The G7 leaders, embodying power and riches, will sweep into Westminster behind bullet-proof glass in their motorcades and confer in the high-tech chambers of the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre. The alternative summiteers, not a few in open-neck shirts or jeans, will arrive by public transport, by bike, or on foot, at the Victorian portals of Methodist Central Hall across the road.

Among much else, the Toes participants want money spent on arms to be transferred to aid for hunger, and Third World debt to be reduced.

WORLD TRADE

Tough decisions needed if Gatt flagship is to be kept afloat

Free trade may be threatened unless summit leaders work for a Gatt accord. Protectionism would lead to a slump, **Colin Narbrough** writes

In the build-up to the economic summit, there has been little sign that the Group of Seven leaders are ready to set the stranded world trade talks on course for success.

Having broken the pledge given at last year's Houston summit to bring the negotiations on freer trade to a conclusion by the end of 1990, the leaders now face tough choices if they want a Uruguay Round accord. Failure to crown the ambitious venture with success would threaten the principle of free trade, central to growth in the world economy since the second world war. Some economists fear that a retreat into protectionism could lead to a world slump, like that of the 1930s.

The four-and-a-half-year talks, held under the auspices of the Geneva-based free trade body, the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, are not only seeking to liberalise trade in manufactured goods but are entering new areas, such as banking, farm goods, and intellectual property. More than a hundred countries, rich and poor, are engaged in the negotiations. The Soviet Union, still to emerge from the command economy, has observer status.

Last month ministers of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development, the 24-nation club of the advanced industrialised world, agreed that the trade talks had "the highest economic priority on the international economic agenda". Farm subsidies cost OECD members an estimated $300 billion last year.

This week, John Major spoke of the London summit giving the trade talks a "very strong push indeed" to ensure completion by the end of 1991. Beyond that point, it is feared that the talks may run aground.

The round stalled in Brussels last December over the bitter dispute between America and the European Community over agricultural subsidies. That conflict was blamed mainly on the resistance of European farmers to reform of the community's costly common agricultural policy, but is not the only barrier to progress. American insistence on exempting shipping and telecommunications from an agreement on trade in services, and the right to pursue unilateral trade sanctions, are also serious obstacles.

Although Arthur Dunkel, the Swiss director-general of Gatt, has kept the talks alive at a technical level, and tried to identify the options the political leaders are facing, he has been provoked by the behaviour of Brussels and Washington to speak of a "dialogue of the deaf". The plan of Ray MacSharry, the EC agriculture commissioner, for CAP reform has encouraged Carla Hills, the American trade representative, about prospects for movement on farm trade, but Nicholas Brady, the American treasury secretary, believes the two sides remain far apart. European officials expect no early CAP reform, but have argued that that should not prevent a Gatt agreement

The final declaration of the summit is certain to give priority to the trade talks and might even set a fresh deadline for the end of the year. The Americans want the big political decisions identified by the end of this month, when Mrs Hills and Frans Andriessen, the European trade commissioner, are set for a showdown.

There is a general view among Western leaders that the talks will drift on inconclusively unless a note of urgency is injected into them. Last year the Brussels summit was held in the shadow of a March deadline — the expiry of the so-called "fast track" authority in the US Congress. This allowed the Bush administration to present a take-it-or-leave-it package for approval by Congress. The fear was that Congress, increasingly protectionist, would not renew this authority, and that the trade talks had therefore to be completed within weeks.

In fact, the bad blood left after the acrimonious Brussels meeting meant that no real negotiations were possible for months. To Gatt's relief, however, Mrs Hills persuaded Congress to renew the fast-track authority.

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SECURITY

Vengeance-seekers face iron line of defence

By STEWART TENDLER
CRIME CORRESPONDENT

Shoulder to shoulder: thousands of officers are being called in to protect delegates

SCOTLAND Yard last night set in motion one of the largest security operations for VIPs ever mounted by police as the aircraft of the first of the delegations attending the G7 summit touched down. The arrival of Toshiki Kaifu, the Japanese prime minister, and his officials will be followed by eight more world leaders and more than 1,000 delegates.

In 1984 at the last G7 summit in London, the Yard fielded 3,900 officers and last year 3,700 officers were involved in the three-day Nato meeting in London. Next week more officers are expected to be drafted to summit duties.

For the first time, London will be playing host to President Bush and President Gorbachev as well as the EC leadership and the rest of the G7 group. The summit comes at a time when the IRA is pursuing a mainland campaign and might try to gain publicity by embarrassing the government. Middle Eastern or Muslim extremists might seek revenge for the Gulf war or the Palestinian situation.

The talk of fresh American action in Iraq will heighten security levels. Security plans have been co-ordinated by a former lieutenant-colonel in the Royal Military Police.

The task of protection is enormous. Apart from the delegations, the summit will be covered by 3,500 journalists who have to be vetted. Heathrow and Northolt airports, many of London's leading hotels, ambassadorial residences, press centres, Chequers, the Tower of London, Buckingham Palace and the Lancaster House site at the centre of the summit have to be protected.

During the course of the summit and the meetings with Mr Gorbachev, VIPs will be transported in 200 motorcades, each with a maximum of seven vehicles. No streets will be closed, but traffic could be delayed next week.

The core of police protection duties will rest with Special Branch, the diplomatic patrol group, a special escort group and specialised armed officers. Detectives from the branch's protection department, more than 100 strong, will provide protection for the delegation leaders in liaison with their personal bodyguards. The American and Soviet presidents will stay at ambassadorial residences and are reported to be bringing their own armoured vehicles.

The close protection will be backed up by armed uniformed officers from the diplomatic patrol group and the Yard's PT17 firearms unit who will cover sensitive buildings. Key sites will be protected by snipers and surveillance. The SAS is likely to have men on standby.

The special escort group, trained in protecting VIPs on the move, will organise and cover the cavalcades. Their routes will be screened and monitored against trouble and progress will be checked on a radio network. Uniformed police will patrol the streets and a reserve will be available for demonstrations.

All main buildings used during the summit will be searched and sealed. The Lancaster House area has been turned into a protected "secure zone", including part of Green Park, St James's Palace, Clarence House and surrounding buildings.

No one has an official figure for what this will cost. Police security operations for the annual Conservative party conferences involve 1,500 officers at a cost of more than £1 million. The summit is expected to cost between £3 million and £12 million. Security will account for a sizeable proportion.

Churchmen accuse Inkatha of running protection racket

From GAVIN BELL IN JOHANNESBURG

MEMBERS of the Inkatha Freedom party are fuelling violence in South Africa's black communities by forcing residents to join their organisation and pay "protection money", according to an independent monitoring group.

The panel of church leaders and human rights lawyers, who include Archbishop Desmond Tutu, say those who resist intimidation have lost their homes and jobs. Citing reports from townships around Johannesburg, the researchers said many workers had left their jobs for fear of reprisals after refusing to quit trade unions allied to the African National Congress.

Residents of Alexandra in east Johannesburg had lost their homes to Inkatha members, and people living near a hostel in Soweto, which has been converted into a virtual armed camp by Inkatha militants, were being forced to pay two rands (40p) a month for immunity from attacks by its residents. Inkatha activists also imposed financial penalties on those who proved recalcitrant, the panel said.

Mangosuthu Buthelezi, the Inkatha president, replied angrily to the report, saying the monitoring group was not renowned for impartiality. While not denying the allegations, he said that Inkatha members faced similar intimidation from ANC-aligned trade unions and that such incidents were rarely, if ever, reported by the panel.

In the ANC camp, Cyril Ramaphosa, the newly elected secretary-general, has attacked a "McCarthyite witch hunt" against Communists in its leadership by local newspapers. Allegations of Communist infiltration were part of a psychological war being waged against the ANC, he said.

"Implicit in these allegations is that members of the executive committee subscribe to a hidden agenda, unknown to both our membership and the country. We utterly repudiate that insinuation, and reaffirm our full confidence in all those elected by the national conference to serve on the ANC's leading bodies."

Known members of the Communist party constitute about half of the new 90-member ANC executive committee, and the dual membership has been a source of controversy in the organisation and allied trade unions.

Mr Ramaphosa's remarks appear to have been prompted by a series of articles in *The Citizen*, a pro-government newspaper, quoting right-wing sources as saying that secretive Communist representation in the ANC leadership is greater than had been suspected. Mr Ramaphosa said that the reports were inaccurate, and ended widespread speculation about his own political affiliations by saying that he was not, and never had been, a member of the Communist party. However, he instructed ANC members not to disclose their political ties outside the organisation to the media.

"For 40 years South Africa has borne the brunt of anti-communist hysteria which visited upon our country and its people the horrors of detention without trial, torture and murder, and successive states of emergency," he said. "Only the most myopic among us would want to see a return to these evil days."

Iraq denounces US 'conspiracy'

From MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

BAGHDAD yesterday accused President Bush of planning a new chapter in the "great conspiracy" against Iraq and the Arab nation, reinforcing suggestions that President Saddam Hussein is becoming jittery about the possibility of renewed allied air strikes.

An editorial in *al-Qadisiyah*, the defence ministry newspaper, said Mr Bush's remarks at a news conference earlier this week were "dangerous statements that clearly implied aggressive intentions against Iraq" after previous attempts to destroy the country had failed. "This is the prelude to a new chapter in the great conspiracy against Iraq and the Arab nation," it said.

The editorial continued: "In his new aggressive statements, Bush resorted to the last chapter of the conspiracy after realising that all the previous chapters had failed to achieve their objective to tear up Iraq's geographic map and destroy the fabric of its national unity, and to target its historic leadership represented by its model leader, Saddam Hussein."

Until now the Iraqi media have presented the American president as at his wits' end, frustrated at Saddam's staying power. Tariq Aziz, the Iraqi deputy prime minister, has even taken to studying Mr Bush's verbal and body language. He said on Wednesday: "When Bush deals with international issues, he speaks quietly and uses ordinary diplomatic language. However, when he moves to issues related to Iraq, he becomes nervous, uses vulgar language and departs from logic."

In a separate development yesterday, Jalal Talabani, the leader of the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan, said that he had attended an excellent meeting with Saddam on Thursday, which cleared some obstacles to a Kurdish autonomy deal.

Masoud Barzani, the head of the Kurdish Democratic party, said: "We have some new points to discuss with the government but I think we are very near to the agreement." Mr Barzani is the main negotiator for the eight-party Kurdistan Front umbrella group. He said outstanding issues included the size of the autonomous Kurdish area.

Moment for meditation: the Pope sitting on a bench yesterday in a villa garden near Aosta in northwest Italy, where he has chosen to spend a third holiday

Tall tales give boat refugees bad name

From DAVID WATTS IN LOWU CAMP HONG KONG

JANIN will think twice before he crosses his father again as he contemplates his fate after a trip from Vietnam to a Hong Kong refugee camp.

The 13-year-old is the son of a Saigon businessman of Chinese extraction. Janin is probably is not his real name, but it is the one he goes by in this detention camp for voluntary returnees to Vietnam. He arrived in Hong Kong only last month on a fishing boat and will leave again soon at the end of what his father calls a maturing experience.

Camp officials are used to some bizarre stories, but Janin's is different. His father, he told amazed Hong Kong interrogators, had become unhappy because he was mixing with the wrong sort of people. The remedy was a sobering trip to Hong Kong, knowing he would soon be sent back.

He will soon be boarding one of the present series of returnee flights out of Hong Kong bound for Hanoi, armed with the $25 (£15.50) given to every child going home. Once back in Vietnam, he will get $30 a month resettlement allowance, a considerable sum of money in Vietnam.

Such "tourists" are giving refugees a bad name in Hong Kong, which is the only place in South-East Asia still granting refugees first asylum. Six thousand of Hong Kong's 61,000 boat people have been granted refugee status. The balance, determined not to return home, are held in closed camps where the birth rate is running at 5 per cent of the population per annum.

Hong Kong's annual bill for running the camps stands at £75.6 million. All Vietnamese receive their basic requirements along with three meals a day, health care and children's education. Ethnic Chinese, in contrast, escaping from the Communist regime to the north are turned back, even though they claim relatives in Hong Kong.

Kuwait squads clear live munitions

Kuwait City — Explosives experts carefully entered a US army depot yesterday to look for unstable munitions after an explosion that injured 53 Americans and six British soldiers in a shower of shells and shrapnel. One soldier remained in critical condition from Thursday's fire and chain-reaction blasts at the Black Horse Camp in Doha, said US military officials.

The teams "are going in very gingerly around the edges to take a look", said Staff Sgt. Judy Bradford, of the 11th Armoured Cavalry Regiment. Military officials believe the fire was started by an electrical short on a truck loaded with 155mm howitzer shells. The US embassy said sabotage is not suspected at the camp 12 miles north of Kuwait City.

Police chief quits

New York — Daryl Gates, the combative Los Angeles police chief, has decided to step down before the end of the year. His move, not confirmed, follows a commission report about the beating of a black motorist by policemen in March that showed brutality and racism to be rampant in the force.

Adoption curb

Bucharest — The Romanian parliament amended an adoption law in an attempt to halt a flood of adoptions. Children will only be approved for adoption by foreign families if no request by Romanians has been made within six months after the child has been registered by the official adoption committee. *(AFP)*

Burmese ban

Bangkok — Burma's ruling military junta has ordered that opposition members be stripped of their parliamentary seats and banned from elections. The junta has failed to hand power to the opposition National League for Democracy after it swept the 1990 general election, taking 392 of 485 contested seats. *(Reuter)*

Democratic turn

Sofia — The Bulgarian parliament voted in a new non-communist constitution by more than the required two-thirds majority, but 89 of the 400 members boycotted the vote, objecting to passing the measure in a body still controlled by former communists. Twenty-five of the protesters are on hunger strike. *(AFP)*

Satanic gunman

Brisbane — A Satan-worshipping gunman who killed a woman and wounded seven others in an Australian seaside resort because he wanted to be immortal has been jailed for life. Rodney Dale, aged 27, left a note for his girlfriend, "Deb, gone hunting, love Rodney," before setting off. *(Reuter)*

Pot shots at Bush's judge over his jaunt with a joint

From CHARLES BREMNER IN NEW YORK

COMEDIANS and cartoonists have been having a field day mocking the contortions and role reversals in Washington as Clarence Thomas, the new nominee to the Supreme Court, who came of age in the late 1960s, has been subjected to the glare of congressional scrutiny. Mr Thomas, President Bush's justice-designate, has announced that he tried marijuana, and the White House thinks the admission is "no big deal".

The comedy springs from the clash between the "new puritanism" prevailing about "substance abuse" and preached by American leaders, and the uncomfortable reality that many of them passed through the counter-culture. Added spice comes from the fact that Mr Thomas, who is black and a conservative, is being championed by the White House and Republicans while Congress liberals are desperate for a way to oppose him without appearing racist.

Once-trendy narcotics, such as marijuana and cocaine, have been relegated to the ghetto and users dismissed as degenerates. In one case, on the same day as Mr Thomas, who is a justice of the appeals court, admitted indulging in a few joints while at university and law school, a court in Missouri sent a man to jail for possessing enough marijuana to make two cigarettes. "This is outrageous hypocrisy," said his lawyer. "I have represented many people who have gone to jail for doing nothing more than Judge Thomas did."

Nobody believes that Mr Thomas will lose his appointment over marijuana. The White House called it an "inconsequential matter" and several senators expressed the same view. "Casual use was part of life in college," said Senator Dennis DeConcini of Arizona.

Mr Thomas is benefiting from a formula which emerged four years ago when President Reagan nominated Douglas Ginsburg, another young judge, to the Supreme Court and forced him to withdraw when he confessed to smoking marijuana. Mr Ginsburg's sin was to have continued indulging while working as a lecturer at Harvard and therefore a role model.

To qualify for the marijuana statute of limitations that now seems to apply, a candidate for high office must do several things: depict the behaviour as a brief youthful indiscretion and sound very contrite, describe the act as "experimentation", and above all indicate that absolutely no enjoyment was derived from it. Mr Thomas, who briefed the FBI two years ago when he was screened for the appeals court bench, has complied with all criteria. "I express regret. I think it is pretty obvious that kids should know you should not even try it once."

● **Washington:** The US Court of Appeals yesterday upheld the cocaine possession conviction of Marion Barry, the former Washington mayor, but set aside the six-month jail term and asked the trial judge to reconsider the sentence. *(Reuter)*

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Belgrade ready for border sacrifices to preserve unity

From TIM JUDAH
IN ZAGREB, CROATIA,
AND ANNE MCELVOY
IN LJUBLJANA

THE partition of Bosnia-Herzegovina is the best solution to the Yugoslav conflict, according to Franjo Tudjman, the Croatian president.

Dr Tudjman said he had agreed with Slobodan Milosevic, the Serbian leader, that "the major issue regarding a peaceful solution is demarcating the borders between Croatia and Serbia and solving the Muslim problem there".

Asked if that meant setting up a Muslim state, Dr Tudjman replied: "In some way, yes." Muslims account for 42 per cent of the republic's population. A third of the people are Serbs and 19 per cent are Croats. Dr Tudjman said all-out war could be avoided because advocates of a greater Serbia would realise they could not win.

Yugoslavia's federal presidency met yesterday in Belgrade to ratify the week-old ceasefire with the republics of Slovenia and Croatia. The meeting was boycotted by the Slovene delegate, Janez Drnovsek. The federal vice-president, Branko Kostic, reportedly remarked later that Slovenia would be allowed to secede without violence. He said Slovenia "had to be written off for Yugoslavia" and that he supported the withdrawal of federal troops from the region.

Mr Kostic's comments may herald a Serbian readiness to release Slovenia from the federation. Mr Kostic is the leader of Montenegro, Serbia's closest ally; his comments are thought to reflect a readiness to negotiate over Slovenia as the price of keeping Croatia within the federation.

Croatian officials have refused to declare a readiness to give up Serb-held areas which could then be annexed to a greater Serbia. Hrvoje Hitrec, the Croatian information minister, said yesterday that the region was "seriously threatened by an aggression bigger, stronger and broader than the one in Slovenia".

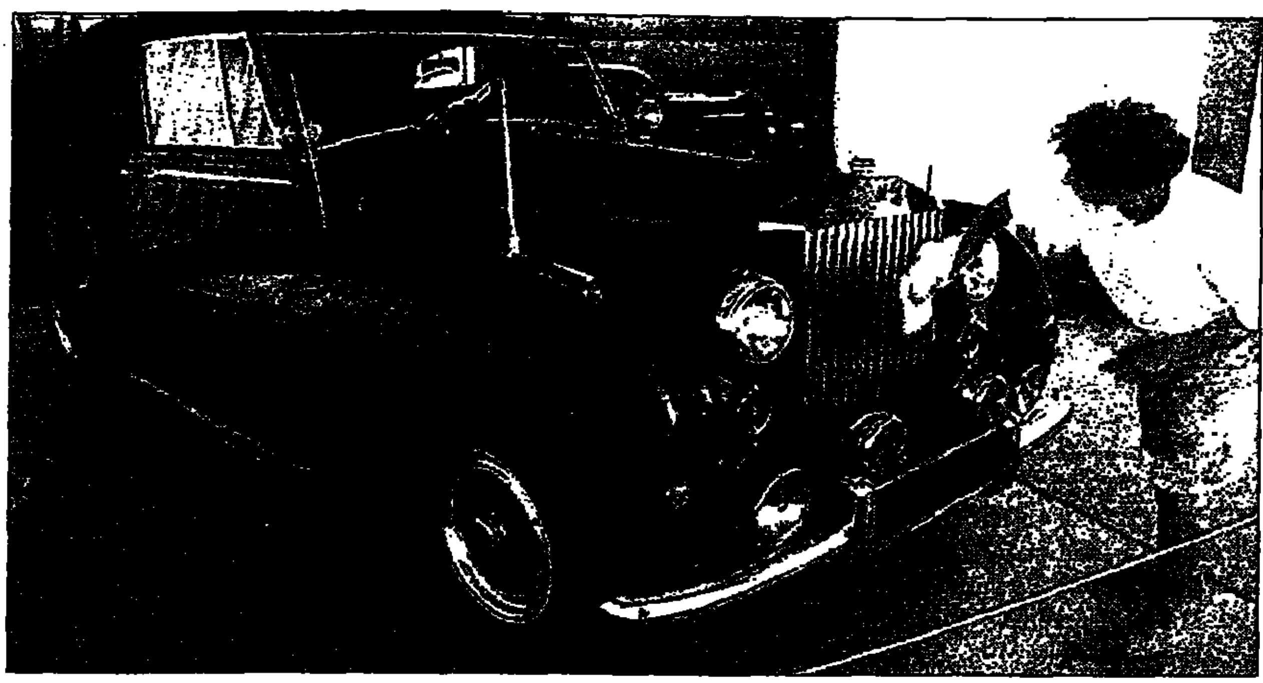
Sporadic fighting was reported during the night in Tenja, near Osijek in Croatia.

The federal presidency accused Slovenia of breaking the ceasefire by not releasing all prisoners of war and failing to disband its territorial units.

The mixed signals from Belgrade, veering between leniency and threats, have prompted Milan Kucan, the Slovene president, to warn that the gap may be widening between the presidency and the federal army. "No one is sure whether the army is still prepared to be kept under the control of the federal authorities," he said.

The ten-person delegation of EC observers was finally allowed to proceed from Belgrade to Ljubljana on Thursday night.

- **Caorle, Italy:** Chess grandmasters from Serbia and Croatia came to blows on Wednesday during a tournament near Venice. The fight between Nenad Sulava, a Croat, and Velibor Zirkovic, a Serb, broke out in a hotel bar, and two or three other Yugoslavs were drawn in. The hotel called in the police to separate them. *(Reuter).*



Wheels of history: a worker polishing a Rolls-Royce Silver Wraith used by Tito, the former Yugoslav president, at a Bistra museum near Ljubljana. Slovenia is arguing with federal officials over who should keep Tito's car collection

Nato missile find adds to airliner mystery

Rome — An airliner that crashed off the Italian coast in 1981, killing 85 people, may have been shot down by a Nato-type surface-to-air missile, and there is growing suspicion that efforts were made to cover up the truth (Paul Bompard writes).

This week part of a missile was found on the seabed close to the wreckage of the plane. According to experts, this should be the engine section of a General Dynamics missile used by navies of the United States, Australia, Germany, France, Japan, Italy and The Netherlands.

In 1987 a French firm which was examining the wreckage reported finding the piece. But Italian magistrates conducting the investigation did not order it brought to the surface and did not include it in their findings. The discovery of the missile has added to the ten-year mystery. The fact that the wreckage of a Libyan MiG fighter was found a few days later in the mountains of Calabria has led to the theory that the DC9 may have been shot down accidentally.

In recent years, Italian air force officers and secret service officials withheld or altered evidence crucial to the investigation. The air force also destroyed the wreckage of the Libyan MiG in "explosion tests" without permission.

Italian, French and American military authorities have denied that any ships or aircraft were in the vicinity at the time.

Oil leak threat from nazi warship

From REUTER
IN OSLO

THE Blücher, one of Hitler's most powerful warships, sunk during the German invasion of Norway in the second world war, is posing a new, silent threat from its watery grave.

More and more oil is bubbling up from the bottom of the Oslo fjord where the Blücher, a heavy cruiser sunk by Norwegian fire in April 1940, with the loss of about 1,000 German lives, is slowly rusting away.

New oil booms were sent to the resort town of Droebak, 20 miles south of Oslo yesterday in case of a major leak from the wreck, which is buffeted by strong tidal currents in the narrow waterway and holds an estimated 1,200 tonnes of oil.

A big leak from the fuel tanks on the 12,200-ton Blücher, which is lying in about 260ft of water, could cause wide damage to wildlife and beaches along the fjord which narrows to about 3,300ft wide. Officials do not want to raise the wreck because it is a war grave and because it is stuffed with ageing ammunition that might still be live.

Slovenes wear liberty lightly

At first glance the main players in Slovenia's independence movement resemble the East European intellectual dissidents who inspired them in the 1980s.

These bearded intellectuals in their late thirties emerged from the fringes of ideologically moribund, communist Yugoslavia. But the Ljubljana of 1991 has little in common with the East Berlin or Prague of 1989. The crowds which surge through the old town every evening are more likely to be searching for a free space in the crowded pavement cafes than on the way to a demonstration or meeting. The new freedom is worn nonchalantly with the restraint which Slovenes describe as a national virtue, contrasting it with Serb fieriness. Despite dissatisfaction with the Brioni agreement suspending the independence declaration for three months, it led to no big demonstrations and few accusations of a sell-out.

Slovenia's uprising has been unmistakably conservative. Women and students, so often active in modern revolutionary movements, have been inactive and content to leave politics to the politicians.

Jana Belcic, an academic studying social attitudes to independence, believes that the lack of excitement is the result of "a sense of purpose rather than principle: most people wanted independence and a better life, but that is not the same as a grand ideal of freedom or democracy. It does not really produce the same passion."

Despite the upheaval of free elections, independence and conflict, the social fabric remains unbreached. "Unlike other East European countries, students and young people have always kept a haughty distance from politics," she said. "They wanted a good job, nice clothes and a car. Their support for independence is based on economic good sense. They simply don't see a role for themselves in its politics."

There are only two women in government and a handful in the ministries. Lojze Peterle, Christian Democrat prime minister, got bouquets rather than brickbats when he said the post-independence place of Slovene women would be in the home.

The proposed constitutional amendement outlawing abortion is likely to divide the fledgeling republic. Critics are prophesying that Slovenia will model itself on rural Austria — conservative, inward-looking, with the clergy ascendant.

Anne McElvoy

Trials demanded in Chernobyl report

From ROBERT SEELY IN KIEV

A REPORT due to be published in September will recommend that up to a dozen senior Soviet and Ukrainian officials, including an adviser to President Gorbachev, be brought to trial for "crimes against the state" over their roles in the Chernobyl nuclear power accident.

The Ukrainian report, currently being drafted before presentation to the republic's Chernobyl committee and parliament, will present dossiers of evidence of those allegedly responsible for the disaster and for the "cover-up" that hid the extent of the danger from millions of Russians, Ukrainians and Belorussians. The document will also investigate allegations that the accident, which spread clouds of radiation over extensive parts of the European Soviet Union, was caused by tests being conducted on the reactor by the Soviet military.

Volodymyr Yavorivsky, who will write the report, said those to be named will include Grigori Revenko, the former Kiev Communist party leader, now chief adviser to President Gorbachev on nationalities issues; Anatoli Alexandrov, the retired head of the Soviet Academy of Sciences who was responsible for the design of the RBMK 1000 reactor used at Chernobyl; and Dr Leonid Ilyin, former vice-president of the Academy of Medicine, whose guide on radiation safety levels gave the all-clear for hundreds of thousands of people to continue living on land that in the past year has been designated unsafe.

Files will also be handed to the Ukrainian procurator's office on Anatoli Romanenko, the Ukrainian health minister, who accused the republic's population of "radiophobia" and afterwards was promoted to head of the All-Union Radiation Medicine Centre, and on Oleg Shchepyn, who allegedly advised the doctors treating patients with radiation-related illnesses to diagnose all deaths as "heart disorders".

Much of the report will be an answer to the UN International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) investigation of the Chernobyl accident, regarded by many here as a "whitewash". It had concluded that the accident caused no significant increase in health problems. Mr Yavorivsky said: "The report was drafted by the best minds, but they used inaccurate data given to them by the Soviet ministries."

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Clifford Longley

A tithe system would rejuvenate the life of village churches

A church needs worshippers to survive. the internal "pillars" of the church; but hardly less it needs friends, "flying buttresses" who will steadily support it from the outside. Villagers who neglect their parish church may soon be shocked to find it closed or, not much better, reduced to an unmanned outpost of a larger parish network serviced by a "flying vicar".

What the countryside needs is the revival of the principle of tithing: that all those who live in an area, rather than just the dwindling minority of Anglican church-goers, should share in preventing ancient churches from falling into ruin. In historical interest and architectural grace the medieval English parish church is a pricelesss asset to the national heritage, and in that sense the property and responsibility of everybody. In return, everybody should get some use out of it. What inhibits community support at present is the sense that the parish church is not "for people like us", but the protected domain of the devout.

Even where an ancient church building is the centrepiece of a country village, its small congregation can be overwhelmed by the size of its repair bills. One 15th-century parish church in Melverley in Shropshire, according to the latest report of the Historic Churches Preservation Trust, is trying to raise more than £100,000 for repairs because of flooding. The congregation is made up of just six families. There are some 10,000 ancient parish churches in England, and every one of their congregations will recognise the yawning gap between the possible and thenecessary.

Leaving it to English Heritage (and even the Historic Churches Preservation Trust) is not enough. But encouraging regular voluntary support for the care of a church building among the non-church-going majority has hardly been tried. Tithing was unpopular when it was a compulsory tax; and parish clergy may regard its revival as a defeat for their more congregational ambitions. But it is a logical extension of the latest Church of England thinking, which is to build up rural parish churches as centres serving the surrounding community, as meeting places for the social and educational needs that are otherwise unmet.

Undoubtedly there will be resistance to this idea, as profaning "the house of God". But, at least if the church is medieval, this wider community purpose is what it was originally built for, as well as for parish worship. Such regular financial support, however, would have to be banked separately from the parish's general income — otherwise it would be counted against the dues to the diocese and similar more churchly expenditure in which the non-churchgoing community would feel it has no stake.

The Anglican report *Faith in the Countryside*, published last year, saw church resistance to the disintegration of rural life as a legitimate aim in itself. The more zealously the clergy and their flocks embark on this new form of community service, using their buildings in new ways, the more obvious it will be to those who benefit that the cost is a proper call on their pockets.

And because they would be regular, such voluntary tithes should be allowed tax exemption, as donations from regular worshippers are now. Donors could please themselves whether they feel they are donating to the upkeep of the Church of England as such, or to the good of the local community. Either way they will be helping the survival of some of the most important buildings in the English landscape, and bringing them back to the central role in rural life for which they were designed.

The ascetic islanders who lost a fortune

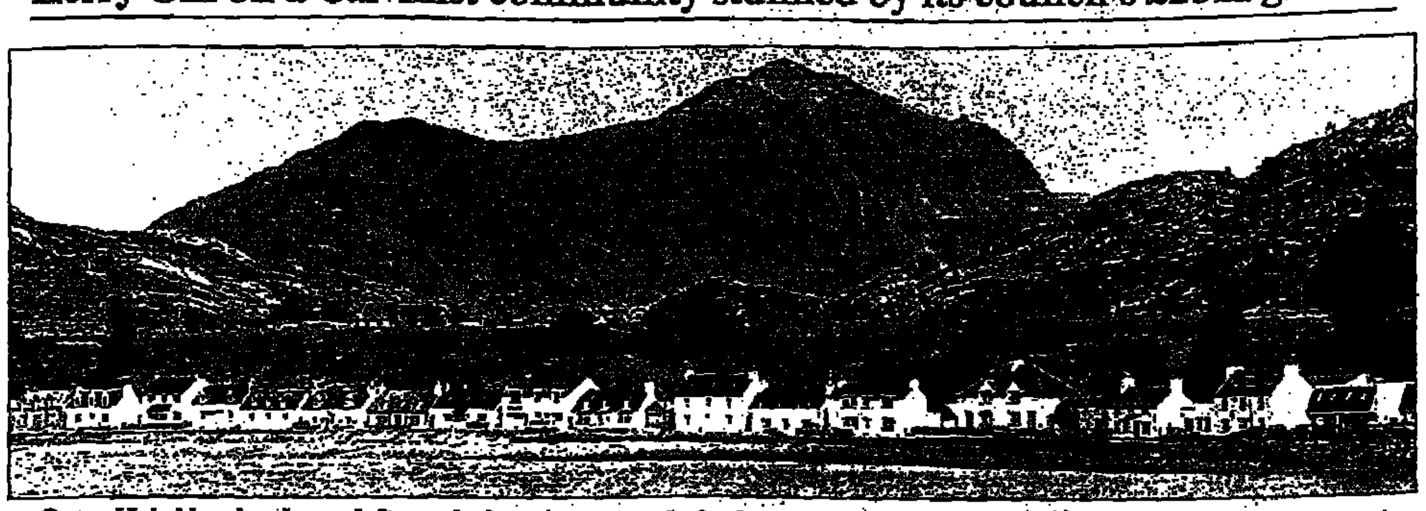
Kerry Gill on a Calvinist community stunned by its council's £23m gamble

Ploughing cash into the Western Isles, the Outer Hebridean archipelago that stretches from the Butt of Lewis in the north down to Barra, has always been a hit and miss affair. The loss of £23 million of public money, recklessly placed with the Bank of Credit and Commerce International, is the latest in a series of lost investments designed to improve life in this far flung outpost of Britain.

In the 19th century Sir James Matheson poured huge sums into building harbours and roads, and trying to reclaim the boggy wastes of Lewis and Harris, the biggest single island in the archipelago. His wife distributed vast quantities of potatoes, but their generosity made little difference to the taciturn natives.

In 1918 Lord Leverhulme bought Lewis and Harris with the vision of turning the economy around. Again the venture failed, the crofters continued tending their sheep and cattle and, on Leverhulme's death in 1925, his work to turn the island into the most important fishing centre in Europe came to a halt.

Yesterday, however, many islanders were wondering how the council could have had £23 million to invest while their demands for improved harbours and electricity supplies to remote crofts often went unheeded.



Outer Hebrides: locals are left wondering why demands for improved harbours and electricity supplies were not met

Although the council may be the biggest single employer, it is the church that is in covert, and often overt, control of people's lives. The northerly Western Isles, Lewis, Harris and North Uist, have a strong Calvinist background. The inhabitants observe the Lord's Day strictly and recently halted an attempt to introduce Sunday ferry services to their island ports. The outside world, they consider, has largely forsaken the teachings of the Bible for the corrupt mores of modern society. The council's behaviour has shocked many who consider that any financial speculation is immoral. To invest in a bank that had laundered drug money was tantamount to consorting with the Devil.

Extremism, whether in religion or drink, is endemic. The Sabbath is still a day of prayer and contemplation, even if some of the younger generation will spend their time recovering from the previous night's celebrations. Sunday's meals are cooked on Saturday and, if television is watched, few would readily admit such a breach of the Fourth Commandment. Sunday newspapers are shunned by many.

Several years ago a minister who supported a Nato development outside Stornoway railed against what he saw as the more pernicious influence of bottled milk, motorways and packaged porridge oats. While many areas of Lewis used to be "dry", locals built grim "bothans" out of stone and turf in which to enjoy mournful drinking sessions. One I saw from a distance appeared to have a huge pile of ash outside. On closer inspection it was a mound of beer bottle tops several feet high.

While the inhabitants, keen for tourist income, rightly say the islands boast of some of the most beautiful and unspoilt shores, pale yellow sand lapped by limpid green water, their attitude to litter is surprising. Inland the moors are strewn with lager cans and empty half-bottles of whisky discarded by peat cutters. Old cars, buses and vans are left where they last broke down, their rusting hulks speckling the landscape.

The modern version of the black house, stone and thatch cottages in which the family would live with their animals beside a peat fire with no chimney, has become the ubiquitous pebble-dash bungalow, sometimes with a tin roof, always looking more like a mainland post-war prefab. But inside the welcome is hospitable almost without exception. Here the dour countenance of the Western islander changes as home-made baking is heaped on the visitor with offers of tea and the inevitable whisky.

It may be that these innocent members of the public will have to pay for the council's stupidity with poll tax bills rising from just £77 to more than £1,100 to make up the loss. It would be a pointless move. The islanders, now more leery than ever of officialdom, are known to be among the worst poll tax payers in Scotland.

A novel way to end in profit

Publishers poach top authors rather than discover new ones, Mary Ann Sieghart finds

The publishing sensation of 1988 was Stephen Hawking's *A Brief History of Time*. The book, which has now been in the bestseller lists for 150 weeks, was never expected to make more than a meagre profit. Bantam initially printed only 3,000 copies and was surprised, if delighted, when bookshops kept coming back for more. It has now sold 430,000 copies in Britain alone, all in hardback, and when Steven Spielberg's film of the book comes out in the autumn, Bantam can expect another surge.

Yet had Mr Hawking come up with the idea this year instead, would his book have been commissioned? Possibly not. Publishing is in such a rotten state that authors who are not already in the top rank are pathetically grateful to be published at all. Fewer contracts are being offered to them, and advances have roughly halved. Poets and first novelists may as well go back to their garrets and starve until the recession is over. The fear is that the new publishing conglomerates will never again be interested in worthy books, or in developing new writers into bankable authors. They would rather buy their bestselling writers off the shelf.

Meanwhile, the suits, who have taken over publishing, are laying off staff almost as fast as estate agents and banks. Like the City, publishing went through a Big Bang in the last half of the 1980s. What had been a small, amateurish, gentlemanly profession swiftly became international and businesslike as conglomerates bought up independent houses one by one and merged them into large groups. But while City employees accepted that with their high salaries came a corresponding high risk of redundancy, those in publishing never earned huge sums and thought their jobs relatively secure. Money was being splashed around, but the pockets it lined were those not of editors but of bestselling authors.

Publishers now complain that they are being squeezed at both ends. Because of the recession, booksellers are putting immense pressure on them to give bigger discounts and longer credit payment periods. Bookshops usually have sale-or-return agreements, and returns are running as high as 30 to 40 per cent, even though print runs have been cut. Top authors, meanwhile, instead of remaining loyal to one imprint, are putting their books up for auction, and ludicrous sums are being paid. Ludicrous, that is, until you realise that the difference between profit and loss at the end of the year for a publisher can lie in the hands of one bestseller. (But mistakes can be expensive. Century Hutchinson paid a $750,000 advance for Ronald Reagan's autobiography, but it sold badly, and cost the publisher £210,000. Many wonder whether the £625,000 advance paid to Michael Holroyd by Chatto for his three-volume biography of George Bernard Shaw will ever be recovered through sales.)

Agents hate it when publishers blame authors for their difficulties. Editorial staff have moved about so much that it is not surprising loyalties have been strained, agents claim. Anyway, says Anthony Goff of David Higham Associates, "it is a market. Agents can't get any more than publishers are prepared to pay. No one has put them on the rack. The more difficult the position the publishers get into, the more they need their really bankable authors."

Moreover, publishers themselves have encouraged authors to loosen their links with one house; not their own authors, of course, but other people's. "Publishers come to us and say, 'How much can I buy so-and-so for?' " explains Mr Goff. "You live by that ethos, but you can also die by it."

While top authors may be delighted at the competition to buy their books, their less famous brethren are suffering in lieu. The gap has opened up between the big stars and the rest. Publishers admit that those writers who might in the past have been paid advances of £20-30,000 are now being offered £10-15,000 if they can win a contract at all.

Some retrenchment was inevitable, and desirable. Last year, 64,000 titles were published, compared with 43,000 in 1981. Far too many mediocre books have been published, mainly to justify the jobs of underemployed editors, say the cynics.

But are they now cutting out the right books? Editors in the conglomerates complain that their new masters do not understand the economics of the trade. They bought these companies at high multiples during the boom years and are frustrated by the low returns they are now seeing. They would rather poach top authors and see instant results than invest time and money on developing new ones. Yet it is the new, often unlikely writers that can in the long run make the most money for a publisher.

Winner: Scott Turow's bestseller made a publisher's fortune

Stephen Hawking is one example. But the same can be true of novels. Every great novelist once had to write a first novel. The trick, of course, lies in sifting the potentially great from the dross. Occasionally a first novel is instantly recognised as a bestseller. *Presumed Innocent*, by Scott Turow, won an advance of over £100,000 and even before it was turned into a film made that sum back many times over for its publisher, Bloomsbury. Ever since, agents have flooded publishers with manuscripts of American courtroom dramas, all billed as "another *Presumed Innocent*". The agents want to believe it, and so do the publishers. Once one dog barks, the whole pack joins in. But the success has so far been a one-off.

In many ways, British publishing is becoming like Hollywood, where one successful film tends to spawn a host of imitators. There, too, there used to be a throng of studios, each run in a highly individualistic way, usually by a man who stamped his personality on the output. After a spate of take-overs, there are now fewer studios with less character, many owned by companies that had not previously been involved in film-making. The result is a blander clutch of films, often piggy-backing on each other. And the stars and their agents have more negotiating power than ever.

But there is a more encouraging side to the analogy. The new studio system has spawned smaller satellite groups of creative people who put together their own packages and feed on the studios' financial and distributive clout to market them. Such a pattern is starting to develop in British publishing. Editors fed up with their new bosses after Big Bang set off on their own into niche publishing. They too have been hit by the recession. Bloomsbury is still independent, but Sinclair-Stevenson was forced to accept a cash injection from Reed International last month in return for a 29 per cent stake in the company.

If they can survive until the market picks up, though, others may join them. They may even be able to co-operate in sales and distribution, without the need to associate with the conglomerates. The independents will never be able to compete for the likes of Jeffrey Archer; they will not have enough money. But why should they? If they are staffed by talented enough editors, they should be able to spot the budding great novelists — or the Stephen Hawkings — instead.

...and moreover

MATTHEW PARRIS

You ain't heard nothing yet: so far, only the faint stirrings of Tory discontent over army cutbacks. Soon the rumblings will swell to a storm. Every vested defence interest since bows and arrows were invented will be shouting its worth.

Yet we are heading for a contest not of sheer noise power alone. An intellectual challenge, too, is underway: how to find ways of sustaining the allegedly unnecessary, because the allegedly unnecessary is the chosen livelihood of your supporters. It is a challenge the poor old Labour party well knows.

For ingenuity, though, the Tories have always taken the biscuit. That conveyancing bill — the invoice for services only notionally rendered — that your solicitor sends after your house-purchase, he sends with a heavy heart, cheered only by the knowledge that this will help him charge *less* to defend (in the criminal courts) some poor inadequate dragged in by the police. I know this because a number of Conservative solicitors from Sheffield told me so, when their conveyancing privileges were under threat. I had not, before that, realised that every solicitors' practice is in fact a charity, a Robin Hood outfit redistributing wealth from the rich to the poor. You local solicitor is really a Che Guevara figure, operating under deep cover.

The other day, I saw the Duke of Devonshire received in stony silence by his peers as he explained to the Upper Chamber that owning racehorses was for the rich: the poor (he thought) might consider it odd if special tax breaks were offered for this hobby. His Grace's Whig ancestry has clearly not equipped him for the modern world. A *Tory* peer would immediately see that every citizen, however downtrodden, is motivated by the dream of owning racehorses himself, one day. Relieving a fellow of tax on his riding stables is really an act of charity towards those who lack stables of their own, motivating them in their dull lives, and helping them carry on.

Or take agriculture. A party which, in government, pays the governor of the Bank of England £60,000 per annum *not* to grow corn on his private estate (the "agricultural set-aside" scheme) knows a thing or two about the intensely sad human problems that a free market in agriculture could cause, were parliament not here to rectify them. It is to Dennis Skinner that we owe the observation that the National Union of Mineworkers must lack the clout of the National Farmers' Union, for nobody has suggested paying coalminers, in perpetuity, *not* to mine coal.

But I am one move ahead of Mr Skinner in the suggestion which follows. Isn't the answer to our defence cutbacks to bring in a "regimental set-aside" scheme? The idea is simple, and based on the concept of agriculture set-aside now applied to cereal cultivation (or, rather, *non*-cultivation) all over Britain.

We designate certain regiments as "non-regiments". We pay officers and men within them for every working day that they agree *not* to wear uniforms and march around. Buglers will be paid not to bugle, drummers to lay their drumsticks aside. To enliven the tedium, regular "non-exercises" will be held on Salisbury Plain, their non-event announced well in advance.

In time, a certain pride would attach to belonging to (say) the Royal Welch Non-Fusiliers or the Yorkshire Non-Volunteers. We should no more regard regimental set-aside as futile than farmers see their own inactivity as without point. Both serve to maintain fine people in proud traditions of which there is an over-supply. The conclusion having been settled in advance, imagination will always supply the logical means by which to reach it.

But the conclusion comes first. Never in my life have I seen a successful politician led by logic where he and the electorate did not wish to go. We would punish him mercilessly for that. We wish politicians to represent our interests, but, on the whole, we would rather they did not say so. We like to see policy justified in terms of principle.

On the whole, therefore, politicians do represent interests, but justify them in terms of principle. We, the electorate, then find entertainment in spotting the gap between interest and principle, and sneering at the discomfort of the politician trying to straddle it.

But it is we who made the gap, and we who make him straddle it. If we but knew it, we are sneering at ourselves.

THE TIMES DIARY

Arafat's hand revealed

As America threatens to bomb Iraq's nuclear arsenal, new information has emerged as to why Saddam Hussein released the Western hostages before the war. Yassir Arafat, whose support for Iraq during the war cost the PLO the goodwill of some of its most traditional supporters, persuaded Saddam to release the hostages. The claim is made by John Simpson, the BBC's foreign editor, in his book, *From the House of War*, published next month.

Simpson, whose reports from Baghdad won him the joint television journalist of the year award, says that Arafat engaged in secret diplomacy. "Arafat made it plain to Saddam that he had nothing to gain from keeping the hostages. He convinced him to throw away his one trump card."

Simpson says that the wave of anticipated terrorist attacks by Iraq on strategic targets in the West also failed to materialise because of Arafat. "He persuaded Saddam not to sanction any terrorist actions."

Arafat demonstrated his rejection of terrorism in the PLO Baghdad headquarters in Simpson's presence when he took Abu Abbas, a PLO leader, to task for the failed terrorist raid on Tel Aviv beach last year. "Arafat said to him: 'If you do anything like that again I will cut off your hands. And I don't mean that metaphorically.' "

Mrs Thatcher, credited with stiffening President Bush's resolve after the invasion of Kuwait, did the same with the Crown Prince of Kuwait even before the invasion, according to Simpson. During a meeting with Arafat, the Prince agreed to hold his fire over Saddam's territorial claims. The Sheikh was called away by an urgent telephone call. "When he returned he announced he would reject Saddam's demands. Why, asked Arafat? 'I've just had Mrs Thatcher on the phone.' "

● *Murmurs of discontent were heard among ambassadors at this week's royal garden parties. Those flying the flag for countries starting with u, v, w, x, y and z are not amused by garden party protocol which stipulates that ambassadors and high commissioners are invited in alphabetical order. It can mean dignitaries from such far flung spots as Angola and Antigua get the chance to meet the Queen before such titans as the United States. Will there be some judicious shuffling of the pack in time for next year's parties?*

Lost accord

If the G7 summit really is the forum where the fate of the world is decided, why has Downing Street mislaid the conclusion of last year's meeting? Copies of the final 11-page communiqué are hard to find in Whitehall.

The Worldwide Fund for Nature, which plans to lobby the summit, contacted Downing Street for information on last year's G7 at Houston. "We don't have a copy of the final communiqué here," was the reply. "Try the Foreign Office." The charity had no luck so resorted to the treasury. "We have got one, but I cannot fax it to you. It's too long."

In exasperation the WWF turned to the American embassy. "How many copies do you want? They are on their way," was the response. Within hours a dispatch rider arrived at the WWF headquarters in Godalming, Surrey, with chapter and verse.

Glasnosta del Sol

Forget bathing in the Black Sea or retiring for the summer to your dacha. Discerning Muscovites are abandoning the Black Sea for the dubious delights of holidays in Benidorm. The glory of the Costa del Sol will this summer welcome some 2,000 Russians to its skyscraper hotels, congested beaches and olde English pubs.

Some far-sighted Spanish restaurateurs are already experimenting with Chicken Kiev and blinis in the hope that traditional Soviet fare will make their new tourists feel at home. Souvenir vendors are wrestling with the Russian for "kiss me quick" hats. A spokeswoman for Benidorm tourist board says: "There's nothing quite like it in Russia." Nor any resort quite so expensive. With a £30

limit imposed on the amount of roubles Russians can exchange, they have found, in keeping with the spirit of enterprise sweeping Moscow, it pays to tuck pots of caviar, Russian dolls and bottles of vodka into their cases for their first spot of practical capitalism in the West.

Freedom of Leach?

It's not quite murder in the cathedral but the tranquility of the cloisters at Guildford has been disturbed by a row over the controversial American bishop, John Spong. The dean and chapter boasted about their belief in free speech when they invited Spong to preach. But when Robert Leach, founding editor of the Guildford diocesan newspaper, the *Herald*, criticised the decision in an editorial, he was sacked.

"I thought I was exercising my right to freedom of expression," says Leach. Spong's lecture, which called for church blessings for homosexual couples, was reported in the *Herald*. Leach's editorial said: "The Dean of Guildford said Spong was invited because of a commitment to freedom of speech. Presumably no one will object if I exercise the same right to give my view. Spong was talking utter claptrap. Many who went did so for the cheap thrill of being in on a controversy."

The Bishop of Guildford, the Right Rev Michael Adie, who had opposed the invitation, relieved Leach of his post when he refused to apologise for his criticism of the cathedral.

● *The enthusiasm for film adaptations of E.M. Forster novels started by the Merchant Ivory team continues with the release this month of* Where Angels Fear to Tread, *leaving only one Forster novel left for adaptation. American studios are already wondering how they will be able to satisfy their countrymen's enthusiasm for Edwardian splendour. "Couldn't you get that E.M. Forster chap to go and write another novel?", one particularly literate American media mogul pleaded recently to Ismail Merchant.*

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SUMMIT CLOTH OF GOLD

The board of directors of World Inc arrive in London this weekend. The Western summit starts on Monday and formally ends on Wednesday, informally reassembling to welcome Mikhail Gorbachev for an afternoon's tour of the Soviet Union's clouded horizons. By then the collective power and influence of the seven will have set the world on course to "strengthening the international order", or so they claim.

The years since 1975 have transformed this once intimate, informal speak-easy for the leaders of the world's richest countries into a ludicrously overblown spectacular of banquets, fireworks and pre-cooked communiques, relayed to the world by nearly 4,000 journalists. On that there is no going back, as the Canadians discovered when they tried to hide their guests in a remote log cabin.

The summiteers persist in having no fixed agenda. They deliberately renounce executive decisions. For the sake of the world's economic health, this pretence has to be dropped. The original idea of these meetings was to cut through the barbed wire built by national bureaucracies and set clear political guidelines for co-operation. Avoidance of detail is virtuous; indecision is not. On South African sanctions, arms sales and relations with the Soviet Union, marching orders must be given. Market reforms in the new democracies of Europe and the former dictatorships of Latin America could usher in a decade of growth unmatched since the 1960s, but only if the industrialised world opens its markets to foreign trade and improves its own economic performance.

That performance, for the last year, has been the most miserable for a decade. Globally, real interest rates are too high. There is no prospect of agreement on where to put the emphasis between fighting inflation and promoting growth. All the seven are at different points in the economic cycle.

In the United States, inflation has been tamed at what seems a sustainable 2-3 per cent and a modest export-led recovery is beginning. But domestic demand is still held back by high consumer, corporate and federal debt. To consolidate recovery, the Americans would therefore like joint action to stimulate world demand. But that desire is not reflected in Japan, where trade surpluses are again soaring as the authorities restrain domestic demand to stem underlying inflationary pressures in a tight labour market. Nor is Germany, worried by the inflationary results of unification, prepared to loosen its monetary reins. Traditionally a capital exporter, Germany needs foreign funds to cover a public deficit likely to exceed $80 billion this year.

The Bundesbank held interest rates steady this week but seems to feel obliged to raise rates again this year to keep foreign capital flowing in and to fight wage inflation. Western Europe is forced to follow suit. German borrowing is blighting other's hopes of recovery, Britain's most of all. The Germans have themselves to blame for their inflationary pressures, the result of their mistaken decision to equate the East German with the West German mark. They should bear the burden, in the form of higher taxes, rather than inflicting higher interest rates on others.

The escape route from these difficulties does not lie in finding the philosopher's stone of "convergence" which has eluded previous summits. There are ways to live with divergent economic performances. If Japan, for example, does not want to expand its domestic economy, its surpluses become available for foreign capital markets. High real interest rates, however, are a serious brake on prosperity, and Japan's contribution to bringing them down will be one measure of the summit's success.

Even more important, the summit must point the way out of protectionism. This summit will reassert the power of market economies and free trade to deliver prosperity for all. The validity of that assertion will be reflected in Mr Gorbachev's plea for Western engagement in rescuing the Soviet economy. Yet Eastern European pleas for free access to the European Community for their textiles, steel and farm produce are falling on stony ground in Brussels. It is the West, the EC above all, which is jeopardising trade by holding up agreement in the Gatt's Uruguay Round of global trade talks.

No single pillar of the new "international order" more urgently needs strengthening than free trade. No subject is less welcome to a majority of the seven around the table. Yet if it does not save Gatt, this summit will have failed the world. Gatt is the hungry face at the window at this summit feast.

THE IRA'S DUTCH HAVEN

Britain has every right to be outraged at the partiality of Dutch justice following the acquittal yesterday of four alleged members of an IRA active service unit. The British government — and that of the Irish Republic if it has any honour — should at once press the government of The Netherlands to close the absurd loophole in Dutch criminal law which the case has exposed.

Government-to-government action can only meet this nonsense half way. The case suggests that the Dutch people have taken their traditional tolerance so far that they no longer know evil when they see it eye to eye. Are the Dutch serious about opposing international terrorism? Is Australian blood spilled by Irish hands on the streets of a Dutch city nothing to do with them, as if Roermond were now a lawless frontier town of the Wild West? Given all the hectoring tutorials that Dutch ministers have delivered to British ones on "being good Europeans", the British are entitled to ask what sort of shared civilisation, based on the rule of law, Dutch Europeans believe in.

The trial of the four for these murders originally produced only one conviction. On appeal, even that one was reversed and the other three acquittals confirmed. The four returned to court yesterday to face charges of IRA membership. The prosecution claimed it had enough evidence of this "to kick in an open door". But the judge insisted proof of IRA membership, as such, was not enough. To be convicted under Dutch law they had to be "actively carrying out the IRA's aims". As they had been found not guilty of the killings of the two Australians, regardless of the evidence of membership, there was legally "no evidence" of such activity.

But if membership of the IRA is not itself a crime, what is the point of having such a law? The judge can have been in no reasonable doubt over their involvement with the IRA. He can have been in no doubt what the IRA is up to: trying to kill British servicemen. After the killings the IRA hypocritically declared its "regret" that two innocent tourists had died instead.

After the Guildford, Maguire and Birmingham cases, the British should be careful about throwing stones at other judicial systems which give the benefit of the doubt to Irishmen accused of terrorist offences. For this reason Britain should be cautious in questioning the original Dutch murder acquittals, though undue leniency may reasonably be inferred in the light of subsequent events. But those cases were decided on the evidence, not as yesterday on a mere technicality. Meanwhile only one of the four goes free, and the other three face extradition to Germany on further IRA-linked charges. Germany's more direct experience of terrorism has produced a more robust judicial and public climate.

Free movements of peoples across frontiers, which is of the essence of the EC idea, is intolerable if any group of conspirators from one EC country can treat any other EC country as a "safe house" in which to hide. They can then sally forth to kill citizens of third countries (including allied armed forces) confident that local justice will bend over backwards in their favour if they are caught. If they tolerate that, the Dutch people and government are threatening to undermine the united European enterprise to which they claim to be so dedicated.

THE JOY OF WORK

The dignity of work has preoccupied Roman Catholic social thinkers throughout the century that has passed since Pope Leo XIII's encyclical *Rerum novarum*. That document began an evolution which has just culminated in John Paul II's encyclical *Centesimus annus*. There the Roman Catholic church for the first time unambiguously affirmed capitalism as a system. But the church still points an accusing finger at the "marginalisation" of the poor, who lack the specialisation needed for creative work.

The Catholic Archbishop of Liverpool, Derek Worlock, this week delivered a speech in which he warned: "If the consequences [of new technology] are not to be damaging to whole areas of the country, then care must be taken to share the benefits across the nation's community at large." To many of his listeners Mgr Worlock's ruminations, repeated on BBC radio yesterday, sounded unduly gloomy. How much more so Carlyle in 1829: "By our skill in Mechanism, it has come to pass, that in the management of external things we excel all other ages; while in whatever respects the pure moral nature, in true dignity of soul and character, we are perhaps inferior to most civilised ages."

We have been here before. The electronic revolution of the late 20th century seems no more incomprehensible to us than the industrial one seemed to the 19th. An equal and opposite reaction, now as then, is evoked by the human need to devote the fruits of mass production to the creation of an environment that is individual. Craftsmanship and tradition are undergoing a revival in manufacture, not unlike William Morris or arts-and-crafts a century ago.

Such positive responses to the urge to mould individual artefacts have nothing in common with a reactionary hostility to new technology. The latter may flourish in the very societies which technical progress has made prosperous. Latter-day Luddites blame technology — which is morally neutral — for the evils which arise from its abuse. Such an inversion of means and ends, of cause and effect, demonises technology instead of taming it. Hostility to technology certainly cannot restore dignity to work.

Ruskin wrote: "Labour without joy is base. Labour without sorrow is base. Sorrow without labour is base. Joy without labour is base." Work need never be base unless it is marginalised. The dignity of work demands that the worker be free to acquire the new techniques he needs. Only an enlightened capitalist society, open to technological change, will give him that chance.

Work can transcend the mere satisfaction of physical needs only if it tests the worker to the utmost. Making a profit is, for many people, the greatest pleasure their work can offer. *Centesimus annus* states clearly that profit is legitimate. But the Catholic church is also right to offer guidance in the aspects of work which go beyond its material rewards. A church with nothing to say about work would be a church which knew nothing of the joys and hopes, the griefs and anxieties of mankind.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Cutting the army without damaging its traditions

From the Duke of Wellington

Sir, As a past commanding officer at various times of both The Royal Horse Guards (the Blues) and The Household Cavalry Mounted Regiment and subsequently as Regimental Lieutenant Colonel of The Household Cavalry, I strongly support the views expressed by Lord Fanshawe of Richmond (July 10) about the future of The Household Cavalry.

Over 30 years ago I was chairman of a committee set up to study the possibility of an internal amalgamation within The Household Cavalry of The Life Guards and The Blues. This was to be part of an army study prior to the last round of cuts and subsequent amalgamations of regiments, a sort of "Options for Change".

The committee's main recommendation was that it was not feasible to maintain a mounted regiment of two squadrons in London for ceremonial duties without support of the two service regiments. Exactly the same considerations apply today.

It remains my unshakeable conviction that our recommendation was absolutely right. I, and many others since, have had to work the system and it has not always been easy. There is no doubt that officers and NCOs in The Household Cavalry do not have the same opportunity of taking jobs outside the regiment as those in other corps because of the necessity to maintain the mounted regiment at full strength. This is not always fully understood in some quarters of the army.

It has always been a guiding principle in The Household Cavalry, as indeed in the foot guards, that the service regiments and those units that carry out ceremonial duties must be trained and maintained to the highest professional standards.

I must state quite categorically that it is not going to be possible to achieve those standards if the mounted regiment has to rely for support on a service regiment of four sabre squadrons. What is at stake therefore is the continued existence of the mounted regiment, whose disappearance would be greatly mourned by the British public, not to mention the British Tourist Authority. It might even be mourned by the Treasury, which appears to dictate defence policy these days, as The Household Cavalry Mounted Regiment must be the most cost-effective unit in the British army.

What therefore is the answer? If The Household Cavalry is to continue to carry out its duties in the field and on ceremonial occasions to the highest standards, there are only two choices.

The first is an outward amalgamation of one of the two regiments with another regiment of the line cavalry, as took place so successfully between The Blues and The Royals in the late 1960s. The other is an internal amalgamation of The Life Guards and The Blues and Royals but with a massive increment of squadrons to the service regiment (assuming accommodation problems could be overcome) which would allow the necessary flexibility for cross-posting between the two regiments and ensure a satisfactory career structure for officers, WOs and NCOs.

Unless one of these alternatives is adopted the future of the mounted regiment and all the splendour and pageantry that goes with it must remain in doubt. Let us hope that wiser and less short-sighted counsels will prevail.

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July 12.

From Mr Nicholas Soames, MP for Crawley (Conservative)

Sir, There is no doubt that there is handsome scope for substantial savings to be made in the defence budget, but it is not only foolish but dangerous in the extreme to cut the "teeth" arms before dealing with the vast cuts that could and should have been made in the administrative "tail" over the last few years.

Thirty-six infantry battalions are simply not enough to carry out our present or indeed possible future commitments without being seriously overstretched.

We are about to have an army that might be cut to below the level which is safe for the defence of the realm.

Many of my constituents find it incomprehensible that such important decisions can be taken about the war-fighting capabilities of the best armed forces in the world on the basis of Treasury orders and without adequate care to the possible strategic needs of the future.

This is not a proper way for Great Britain to set about protecting her crucial interests.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
NICHOLAS SOAMES,
House of Commons.

From Brigadier T. D. V. Bevan

Sir, In Ottawa the very smart Canadian Guards who mount a daily guard on the Governor-General's residence and Parliament throughout the summer are militia, their equivalent of the territorial army.

Perhaps there is a lesson there for us British? Give public duties in London to the TA, and save two more distinguished regular battalions for other operational tasks.

Yours faithfully,
TIM BEVAN,
70 Placel Road, Ottawa, Ontario.

From Mr John Browne, MP for Winchester (Conservative)

Sir, In the pending defence cuts Tom King has undertaken to enhance quality, mobility and manning. If he keeps his word, how can he possibly justify cuts in The Parachute Regiment or Household Division?

If he goes for suitability and flexibility how can he possibly justify maintaining, at the expense of six British infantry battalions, three battalion equivalents of the RAF Regiment and more than two (Brunei-funded) battalions of Gurkhas who, though fine troops, cannot undertake full infantry roles either in Northern Ireland or in Germany?

If Mr King has an eye to cost-effectiveness, he must be interested to note the English Tourist Board report indicating that of the £5,500 million of tourist income to London in 1990, £1,000 million was directly attributable to London pageantry.

If the Household Division earned only half of this, at a cost of some £100 million, the Guards are not merely highly cost-effective but massively profitable with a yield of some 500 per cent on costs. But Mr King proposes to cut them. Should they not be expanded as a sole profit centre?

Yours faithfully,
JOHN BROWNE,
House of Commons.

From Colonel John Parkes

Sir, In his letter about the army's role and organisation (July 9), General Sir Charles Huxtable refers to "an additional two Gurkha battalions of limited use". I am sure that he would not wish this to be misinterpreted as being any sort of reflection on the competence, loyalty or efficiency of the Gurkha soldier or the regiments in which he has served, in some cases since 1815.

Any limitation placed on the deployment of Gurkha units in the service of the Crown has almost invariably been the result of pusillanimous objections by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, rather than caveats on military grounds.

To say that charity begins at home and it is hard to justify the employment of Gurkhas when the livelihood of our own people is at stake is one thing. To give the impression that Gurkhas are not worth keeping because they are of limited value is quite another.

If Gurkha units go now, it is surely the case that we will never be able to recruit them again. This cannot be said of any British unit that is disbanded. Who can be certain that Gurkhas will never again be needed?

Yours faithfully,
JOHN PARKES,
Lovehayne Farm, Southleigh,
Colyton, Devon.

One-parent families

From Mrs Veronica Gardiner

Sir, Professor A. H. Halsey ("Professor 'shudders for next generation'", report, July 3) gives voice to one of the deepest fears of those bereaved who, through no fault of their own, now have to see their children growing up apparently susceptible to early death, low academic performance and social adjustment, and to be destined to repeat the cycle of unstable parenting themselves.

What makes the burden so much harder is the fact that the widowed must stand at the sidelines and witness helplessly the destruction of much of what they and their spouse attempted to build up by careful parenting, because of a chance stroke of ill-fortune — not the exercise of their own "hedonistic, égocentric, individualistic attitudes".

While their children's school peers advance onwards, cocooned in safe family units, to take their rightful place in society, those children who have lost a father must themselves cast into their past their own days of happy "conventional" family unity and all its pleasures, and accept a future in which they can only enjoy it vicariously through invitations into the homes of their school friends and so forth.

The bereaved parent must do likewise with those of her own friends, lately her peers, who do not abandon her because she is now "out-of-group". Thus weakened, she must still try to be mother and father to her children. Many do it very well, but few can doubt how painful the process must be, and the isolation of the bereaved single parent has to be experienced to be fully understood.

It is comforting to acknowledge that the chances of the children suffering the misfortunes enumerated by the professor may be reduced if they have not grown up in a home characterised by "negative" family attitudes. However, a stigma still attaches to husband-less mothers in our society (though not to widowers). Still far too many men, though prepared to contemplate remarriage, take on another man's children as the "booby prize".

Yours,
V. GARDINER,
28 Luctons Avenue,
Buckhurst Hill, Essex.

Aid for Soviet Union

From Mr Jansen Raichl

Sir, Michael Binyon (report, July 9) mentions the profound dismay which most central Europeans feel at the prospect of Western financial aid for the Soviet Union. They certainly have good reason.

When the USSR took over my native Czechoslovakia shortly after the second world war it was a prosperous industrialised country. Its economy was completely ruined as it was restructured to serve Soviet economic needs coordinated through Comecon. The Russians also annexed its strategically vital and oil-rich province of Ruthenia. A similar fate befell other nations of central Europe.

Yalta gave the West a moral obligation to assist central Europe. There is no reason to help the USSR. It has been helped enough — for four decades central Europe laboured in order to feed it.

Yours sincerely,
JANSEN RAICHL,
26 Forest Hill Road,
Dulwich, SE22.
July 9.

Carey's charisms

From the Reverend David Berry

Sir, Your leading article on July 10 about the Brighton 91 conference, which the Bishop of Chichester (July 11) found unfair to Dr Carey, also contains sweeping statements which are sadly divisive and not wholly correct.

Charisms, including speaking in tongues, have been given by the Holy Spirit to Catholic and Reformed Christians right through the centuries from St Paul's time to our own. Today many mature Christians, both clergy and laity, are deeply involved in the charismatic gifts. They seek to follow St Paul's balanced teaching on the subject in 1 Corinthians chapters 12-14.

They appreciate that some charismatic ministries are lower in St Paul's list than the non-charismatic ministries of apostleship and teaching. Yet with St Paul they believe that all gifts and ministries given by the Holy Spirit are important.

The charismatic gifts of the Holy Spirit are to be welcomed and used in a balanced way within the overall discipline of love. Used like this they can hardly be the cause of ungodly division.

Yours sincerely,
DAVID BERRY,
St Aidan's Vicarage, Middle Hill,
Barrow-in-Furness, Cumbria.

From Canon Michael Harper and others

Sir, We are writing as members of the executive committee responsible for Brighton 91. First, we want to express our respect and appreciation of the Archbishop of Canterbury. Recently he has acknowledged the important Catholic element in Anglicanism. At Brighton 91 he has affirmed the charismatic. We see in the archbishop the grace of God, wanting to embrace the width of Anglicanism as well as its depth.

Secondly, we who come from Roman Catholic, Lutheran and Anglican traditions want to state our love and respect for our own churches. We do not believe we are the only ones who "possess the whole truth of Christianity". Nor do we believe there is any inherent contradiction between our church traditions and the charisms of the Holy Spirit.

We reject the accusation of being anti-rational. The theological workshop at Brighton 91, composed of many eminent theologians, bears testimony to this as well as the quality and integrity of the other speakers at the conference.

Finally, we are accused by your leader of believing that the charisms have been absent from the church for 2,000 years. That is neither our view nor the reality of history. Father Kilian McDonnell, one of our speakers, has recently written a book that documents the charisms in the church for the first eight centuries. Since then they have often appeared in both the Eastern and Western churches. Their recovery in this century on a large scale should be received with gratitude, not rejected as divisive.

The Brighton 91 conference is a call to Christian tolerance which was a key element in the archbishop's address at the conference, but which we do not see reflected in your leader.

Yours sincerely,
MICHAEL HARPER (Chairman, Brighton 91) (Anglican),
TOM FORREST (Roman Catholic),
LARRY CHRISTENSON (Lutheran),
c/o Hotel Metropole,
Brighton, East Sussex.

From the Reverend David J. Ellis

Sir, Many of us who are members of non-Episcopal churches believe that one of a number of mistakes perpetrated by the charismatics lies in equating spontaneity with spirituality. The historic Christian church has never been wholly free of fanatics, and very often they are the people who have preferred to forget that the church *de facto* owes its allegiance to both Scripture *and* tradition.

In the nature of the case, any section of the Christian community that claims to have a detached and unique communication from the Holy Spirit, and which elevates that to the level of regulative principle, must come under considerable suspicion.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID J. ELLIS,
12 Burcote Road, SW18.

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Changing face of National Gallery

From Mr Bernard Kaukas

Sir, It is true that the Sainsbury wing of the National Gallery can in no sense be likened to a monstrous carbuncle on the face of a familiar friend; but, if one has to take refuge in anthropomorphic analogies in architectural criticism, it is just as disconcerting and embarrassing to have to look at the face of a familiar friend who has developed a permanent nervous tic. For this is undoubtedly the effect created by the crudely cut and eccentrically placed gaping dark holes in the otherwise bland facade.

The eye is drawn to them almost hypnotically, at the expense of the overall composition of the familiar face, in spite of the natural and polite desire to look away. Dada-like caprice may have been the humorous intention, as you imply in your leader ("Sainsbury's success", July 9), in backing such uncompromising openings; uncomfortable quirkiness is what has been achieved.

Yours truly,
BERNARD KAUKAS,
13 Lynwood Road,
Ealing, W5.
July 10.

From Sir John Smith

Sir, Next time the National Gallery needs a new building could it please be put *in front of* the old one? The present gallery is too low, and set too far back, to master the huge open space which it faces. It would look much better in a street.

Moreover, if the new building were also to have wings down each side of the square these would mask the roads and the slope of the ground; and Trafalgar Square, which is at present a formless, traffic-ridden waste, strewn with municipal clutter, would become a quiet haven, on a human scale.

When better times return all this could be carried out at no cost to the taxpayer.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN SMITH,
1 Smith Square, SW1.
July 8.

From Miss Giselda Hatch

Sir, Whilst observing the new extension to the National Gallery recently I overheard a passer-by remark on it, saying: "They've just cleaned this section".

Yours faithfully,
GISELDA HATCH,
30a Carpenter Road,
Edgbaston, Birmingham.
July 7.

Portrait attributions

From Mr Richard Martin

Sir, Jolly interesting to see (report, July 9) how a bit of judicious cleaning has turned a "Holbein" of Martin Luther into a portrait of the town clerk of Landshut. This portrait was sold (as a Holbein of Luther) on the 23rd day of the dispersal sale of the contents of Stowe in 1848 after the bankruptcy of the Duke of Buckingham. You called it at the time "a spectacle of painful interest and gravely historic import".

The duke's collection was known to contain many curious attributions even then. A few lots after the "Holbein" there was offered a portrait of Ben Jonson. The sale cataloguer noted that "this portrait, from having been supposed to be painted by *Jansen* has been gradually corrupted to a head of Ben *Jonson* — two palpable errors".

During the course of this 23rd sale day, after the "Holbein" was sold for £30 and nine shillings, one could have had any number of Lelys, Van Dycks and Knellers for less than £50. At the end of the day "the celebrated Chandos Portrait off Shakespeare" (as the cataloguer put it) was sold for £372 and 15 shillings and lastly "Wreckers of Calais" by Clarkson Stanfield for an astonishing £430 and ten shillings.

Attributions might change, and so do relative prices.

Yours sincerely,
RICHARD MARTIN,
Tallet Cottage, Filkins,
Nr Lechlade, Gloucestershire.
July 9.

Paternoster issues

From the Secretary of the Royal Fine Art Commission

Sir, Robert Shaw (July 8) confuses comprehensive planning with comprehensive development where the aim is to produce an architectural set piece (Barbican, South Bank Arts Centre). Comprehensive planning — what is needed for the whole area around St Paul's — is about land use, traffic, infrastructure, matters which can only be dealt with comprehensively.

Yours faithfully,
SHERBAN CANTACUZINO,
Secretary,
The Royal Fine Art Commission,
7 St James's Square, SW1.
July 9.

Missing link

From Mr Colin Stewart

Sir, Surely the answer is to rename the Hilton Tandoori the Bernard Levin Tandoori ("Fast food nourishes lawyers", July 11). Bernard could perform the reopening ceremony, cut the ribbon and eat the first curry.

Why not a chain of Bernard Levin tandooris?

Yours faithfully,
COLIN STEWART,
8 The Chase, Coulsdon, Surrey.
July 11.

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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
July 12: The Queen, President, this afternoon visited King Edward VII Hospital, Midhurst and was received by Major-General Sir Philip Ward (Vice-Lord Lieutenant of West Sussex) and Lavinia Duchess of Norfolk (Vice-President of the Institution).

Her Majesty, escorted by Mr J. R. B. Morgan-Grenville (Chairman of the Council), toured the Hospital and afterwards attended a reception.

The Lady Elton, Sir Kenneth Scott and Wing Commander David Walker, RAF were in attendance.

The Duchess of York, Patron of NAFAS, this morning visited the Royal Windsor Rose and Horticultural Society Show at the Home Park, Windsor.

The Prince Edward today presented the prizes for the Chartered Institute of Transport's "National Youth in Transport" Competition at a lunch held at the Inn on the Park Hotel, Park Lane, London W1.

His Royal Highness was met by Mr Alan Jones (United Kingdom Chairman of the Chartered Institute of Transport).

Lieutenant Colonel Sean O'Dwyer was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
July 12: The Prince of Wales, Chairman, The Prince of Wales' Committeee, visited Mid and South Glamorgan to see projects supported by his Committee.

His Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for South Glamorgan (Captain Norman Lloyd-Edwards) and subsequently by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Mid Glamorgan (Mr Murray McLaggan).

Commander Richard Aylard, RN was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
July 12: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, Grand President of St John Ambulance Association and Brigade, was present this evening at a Summer Banquet held at the Hampton Court Palace International Flower Show in aid of St John Ambulance.

The Hon Mrs Wills was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
July 12: The Duchess of Kent today visited the Kent County Show, Detling, Maidstone and was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Kent (The Rt Hon Robin Leigh-Pemberton).

Mrs Colin Marsh was in attendance.

Weekend birthdays

TODAY: Mr Thierry Boutsen, racing driver, 34; Professor D.S. Brewer, former master, Emmanuel College, Cambridge, 68; Mr Ian Campbell, civil engineer, 69; Sir James Craig, diplomat, 67; the Earl of Devon, 75; Mr Moss Evans, trades unionist, 66; Mr Harrison Ford, actor, 49; Mgr Alfred Gilbey, 90; Mr Larry Gomes, cricketer, 38; the Earl of Gosford, 49; Vice-Admiral the Hon Sir Nicholas Hill-Norton, 52; Mr Ian Hislop, editor, *Private Eye*, 31; Sir Philip Jones, former chairman, the Electricity Council, 60.

Vice-Admiral Sir Gerard Mansfield, 70; Professor G.T. Prance, director, Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, 54; Brigadier Dame Jean Rivett-Drake, former director, WRAC, 82; Dr Patricia Rodgers, diplomat, 43; Mr Patrick Stewart, actor, 51; Mr David Storey, dramatist, 58; the Rev Dr A.C. Thiselton, principal, St John's College, Durham, 54; Sir Garfield Todd, former Prime Minister of Southern Rhodesia, 83; Professor Sir Bernard Tomlinson, pathologist, 71; Viscount Torrington, 48; Mme Simone Veil, MEP, 64.

TOMORROW: The Earl of Arran, 53; Mr Ingmar Bergman, film producer, 73; Mr Alan Cockshaw, chairman, AMEC, 54; Miss Vera Di Palma, taxation accountant, 60; Mr Paul Edderey, jockey, 28; Air Chief Marshal Sir David Evans, 67; Sir Nigel Fisher, former MP, 78; Mr Gerald Ford, former American President, 78; Mr Illtyd Harrington, former leader, GLC, 60; Air Chief Marshal Sir Patrick Hine, 59.

Lord Hunter of Newington, 76; the Earl of Iddesleigh, 59; Miss Sue Lawley, broadcaster, 45; Major-General C.A.R. Nevill, 84; Mr Bruce Oldfield, fashion designer, 41; Lord Rees-Mogg, 63; Mr Isaac Beshevis Singer, writer, 87; Baroness Stedman, 75; Mr Robert Stephens, actor, 60; Sir Richard Trehane, former chairman, Milk Marketing Board, 78; Professor Sir Geoffrey Wilkinson, chemist, 70.

Anniversaries

Today

BIRTHS: John Clare, farm labourer and poet, Helpston, Northants, 1793; Patrice MacMahon, president of France 1873-79, Auton, 1808; Sir George Gilbert Scott, architect (St Pancras Hotel), Gawcott, Buckinghamshire, 1811; Sidney Webb, Baron Passfield, co-founder of the London School of Economics, London, 1859.

DEATHS: Titus Oates, Protestant plotter, London, 1706; Richard Cromwell, Protector 1658-59, Cheshunt, Hertfordshire, 1712; Jean Paul Marat, revolutionary, murdered by Charlotte Corday, Paris, 1793; John Charles Frémont, explorer, New York, 1890; Alfred Marshall, economist, Cambridge, 1924; Arnold Schoenberg, composer, Los Angeles, 1951; Sir Seretse Khama, first president of Botswana 1966-80, 1980; Kenneth More, actor, London, 1982.

The Treaty of Berlin ("Peace with Honour") was signed, 1878.

Tomorrow

BIRTHS: John Gilbert Lockhart, biographer of Sir Walter Scott, Wishaw, Strathclyde, 1794; John Frederick Lewis, painter, London, 1805; Emmeline Pankhurst, suffragette leader, Manchester, 1858; Gustave Klimt, painter, Vienna, 1862; Gertrude Bell, traveller, Washington Hall, co Durham, 1868; Woody Guthrie, folk singer, Okemah, Oklahoma, 1912.

DEATHS: Richard Bentley, scholar and controversialist, Cambridge, 1742; Madame de Stael, writer, Paris, 1817; Paul Kruger, president of the South African Republic (Transvaal) 1883-1902, Clarens, Switzerland, 1904; Sir William Henry Perkin, chemist, Harrow, 1907; Jacinto Benavente, dramatist and poet, Madrid, 1954; Faisal II, king of Iraq 1939-58, murdered, Baghdad, 1958; Adrien Wettach ("Grock"), clown, Imperia, Italy, 1959.

The Bastille, Paris, was stormed and destroyed by the citizens, 1789.

Weekend royal engagements

TODAY: The Duke of York will tour the Tall Ships fleet and open the new marina at Milford Haven, Dyfed, at 3.15.

Prince Edward will attend the London Studio Centre's gala performance at the Royalty Theatre, Kingsway, at 7.30 to mark Dame Alicia Markova's 80th birthday and in aid of the Bridget Espinosa Memorial Trust.

The Duchess of Gloucester, Patron of the Association for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus, will attend a service in Peterborough Cathedral at 1.55.

TOMORROW: The Duke of York will start the Cutty Sark Tall Ships race at Milford Haven at 10.00.

Prince Edward will visit the Soho festival at St Anne's Gardens, Wardour Street, at 3.00.

The Princess Royal, as Patron of the XIVth Universiade, will attend the opening ceremony of the World Student Games at the Don Valley stadium, Sheffield, at 7.45.

Princess Alexandra will attend a reception at Smith's Lawn, Windsor, at 5.15 after a polo match in aid of Alexandra Rose Day.

Dinner

Chartered Surveyors' Company

The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, attended the ladies' summer dinner given by the Chartered Surveyors' Company at Guildhall last night. Mr Alderman P. Anthony Bull, Master, Mrs Bull and the Wardens and their ladies presided. The Lord Mayor and Mr John Wade also spoke.

A magic display was given by Mr Alan Shaxon, President of the British Ring of the International Brotherhood of Magicians. Lord and Lady Pym and Lord and Lady Harmsworth were among the other guests.

Receptions

HM Government

Mr Ian Lang, Secretary of State for Scotland, was host at a reception given by Her Majesty's Government yesterday at the John Niven Centre, Lewis Street, Stranraer, to launch the European Regional Development Fund operational programme for Galloway.

HM Government

Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Minister for Home Affairs and the Environment at the Scottish Office, was host at a reception given by Her Majesty's Government at Bute House, Edinburgh, last night for Butler Trust award winners.

Gardiner & Theobald

The Partners of Gardiner & Theobald held a reception at the Sainsbury Wing of the National Gallery yesterday evening to mark their sponsorship of the exhibition entitled "The Building of the Sainsbury Wing".

Royal Society

The Earl of Selborne, KBE, DL, has been elected a Fellow of the Royal Society in recognition of his conspicuous service to the cause of science, primarily through his involvement in horticultural and agricultural research, culminating in his distinguished service as Chairman of the Agricultural and Food Research Council.

Felsted Preparatory School

The Governors of Felsted School have appointed Mr Michael Pomphrey, the Senior Housemaster at Felsted, to succeed Mr Timothy Andrews as Headmaster from January 1, 1992.

Appointments

Latest appointments include:

Mr Anthony Harrisson Durrant to be a circuit judge, assigned to the South Eastern Circuit.

OBITUARIES

THE RT REV ARTHUR BUTLER

The Right Reverend Arthur Hamilton Butler, MBE, Bishop of Connor, 1969-81, died on July 6 aged 79. He was born on March 8, 1912.

ARTHUR Butler was once about to conduct a confirmation service in a mid-Belfast church during his period as Bishop of Connor when the evening calm was shattered by a burst of machine-gun fire nearby causing the choir in procession to make a hasty entrance into the church. Butler remained calm and unruffled. He remained equally unflustered when caught up in less violent but still bitter sectarian controversies. One occurred when he was among a group of protestant clergymen who had expected to meet members of Provisional Sinn Fein but found themselves talking to members of the Provisional IRA. Another resulted from a eulogy he gave at a memorial service for Lord Brookeborough, a former prime minister of Northern Ireland, which was regarded, in "loyalist" circles, as being unduly critical.

Butler was elected Bishop of Connor in 1969 — to the most populous diocese of the Church of Ireland. The political turbulence and violence had just begun and he was never to know his diocese at peace. The diocese contains the major part of the city of Belfast with areas like The Falls, Shankill, Ardoyne and New Lodge which have become universal synonyms for violence. Butler's arrival in Connor coincided with the worst street violence of the Troubles. He constantly drew fire from the strong fundamentalist flank in Belfast. In 1971 he was criticised by the Vestry of St Michael's on the Shankill Road for going to the Requiem Mass for a Catholic priest who had been shot dead while giving the last rites to a man shot by paratroopers. A year later he was again criticised for a similar action. He had no compunction in condemning a wave of bomb attacks on Catholic bars in Belfast just as he criticised acts of terror by Catholics.

The appointment of Butler, a brisk no-nonsense southerner, to the diocese was seen by some as a startling departure. He had, however, impeccable establishment credentials. Dublin born of Anglo-Irish stock, he was educated at Dublin High School and at Trinity College, Dublin, where he graduated in 1934. He was a member of the university rugby and golf teams. He was ordained in 1935 and served his first curacy at Monkstown, Dublin. He moved to London in 1938 as curate at Christ Church, Crouch End, and also at Holy Trinity, Brompton. At the outbreak of war in 1939 he became an Army chaplain. He was with the British Expeditionary Force in France and was evacuated through Dunkirk. Back in England he was appointed senior chaplain of the 1st British Division and subsequently was with it right through the North Africa campaign. This was followed by the advance through Italy, during which for some tense months he was at the Anzio beach-head. For his ministry there he was appointed MBE.

Arthur Butler returned to Dublin in 1945, this time as rector of the parish of Monkstown. He remained there until 1958 when he was consecrated Bishop of Tuam in the west of Ireland. He gained the affection of clergy and people in that widespread and sparsely populated area and, through his frequent visitations, there was hardly a person whom he did not know by name.

The next stage of his episcopate was utterly different but everything which had gone before had prepared him for the work to which he was called. His first appearance in Belfast as Bishop was touring the barricades after the violence of August 1969. He remained there until his retirement in 1981, having won the confidence of people across the whole community.

Butler was absolutely consistent in his condemnation of violence from whatever quarter it came, and at all times he was a man for reconciliation. At the same time it must be remembered that in the parts of Connor diocese outside Belfast there was relative peace, and for the congregations of provincial towns and country districts Butler was a beloved pastor and teacher.

Arthur Butler was pre-deceased by his first wife, and son. He is survived by his second wife, Elizabeth.

CHRISTOPHER HOLME

Hugh Christopher Holme, journalist and broadcaster, died on June 20 aged 83. He was born in Burma on October 20, 1907.

CHRISTOPHER Holme had at least two careers. He was a foreign correspondent in pre-war Germany, in Abyssinia during the war with Italy and in Spain in the civil war. He then made a successful post-war transition to drama production for BBC radio. As a programme producer Holme had a gift for stimulating writers and eliciting their most creative ideas.

He was educated at Rugby and at Oriel College, Oxford. On coming down he ran a second-hand bookshop for a year and gained the friendship of Louis MacNeice, Robert Graves, Laura Riding and John Aldridge. Joining Reuters in 1931 he spent the next eight years as a foreign correspondent in Berlin, covering the Reichstad fire and trials, reporting from the Italian side in Abyssinia and — with George Steer of *The Times* — was first into the Basque town of Guernica after it was bombed by German bombers aiding General Franco in the Spanish civil war.

He was based next in Vienna where he met his future wife, Anthea, and from where he escaped in 1938 after the Anschluss, smuggling out in his car his Austrian assistant. He then became assistant public information officer to the Mandate in Palestine from 1938 to 1940 and, after three months with the foreign service in Baghdad, was public information officer in Jerusalem until May 1946. After spending a year at the Royal Institute for International Affairs, Chatham House, he joined *The Observer* as foreign news editor in 1947.

He turned to radio work a year later with the BBC's Third Programme as an assistant director before switching to the features department (which eventually became features and drama) where he remained until his retirement in 1972. His productions included *The Diary of Anne Frank*, and *The Ballad of Peckham Rye*, for which he was awarded the Italia Prize.

Holme, a tall man with a limp, became a firm friend of the writers he worked with. He was both stimulating and resourceful and was one of the pioneers of modern radio drama.

During his years with the BBC and afterwards he translated many radio plays and scholarly books, mostly from German but also from Italian (winning in 1977 the Italian Translation Prize) and from Spanish and French. He wrote poems throughout his life, was an accomplished flautist and chess player and a serious student of mathematics.

He leaves a wife, a son and a daughter.

AASE BYE

Aase Bye, Norwegian actress, died in Oslo on July 10 aged 87. She was born in Christinia on June 4, 1904.

AASE Bye was a *grande dame* of Norwegian theatre and established a reputation as one of the leading actresses in Scandinavia, making guest appearances in Copenhagen and Stockholm. She was notable for her versatility. During the 1930s, although she had no formal training as a singer, she had great success in operetta. She also appeared in revue and made a number of films both in Norway and Sweden although work for the cinema never greatly appealed to her. She appeared regularly in Ibsen and Shakespeare but did not confine herself to the classics. She was Mae in Elmer Rice's *Street Scene*, Eliza in *Pygmalion* and Elsie in St John Ervine's *The First Mrs Frazer*.

When Norway was invaded in 1940 the National Theatre in Oslo fell under Nazi direction. For two months the players went on strike; after that theatre performances were effectively boycotted by all but Nazi sympathisers. On one occasion a senior member of the Quisling regime invited a number of theatre people to a party at Skaugum, the exiled King's summer residence on the Oslo fjord. Aase Bye's reply went the rounds of the capital: she was not, she said, in the habit of visiting houses when the host was absent.

After the liberation, she continued to dominate the Norwegian stage for 30 years. She appeared as Estelle in Sartre's *Huis Clos* and as Regina in Lillian Hellman's *The Little Foxes*. She became closely identified with the work of Tennessee Williams, playing Blanche in *A Streetcar Named Desire*, Serafina in *The Rose Tattoo* and Maxine in *The Night of the Iguana*.

Aase Bye came of farming stock and was orphaned when she was still in her teens. Her father, who had a small draper's shop, died when she was 14, her mother two years later. She was then looked after by a neighbour, Marie Hammang, whom she knew as Aunt Maja and who introduced her to the theatre: "Auntie" was the chief seamstress at the National Theatre.

With this encouragement the young Aase presented herself in the office of the theatre's director and asked whether there might be a place for her as an extra or in the chorus — the National Theatre also put on opera. She was taken on and — unusually — given a small wage. "The theatre," she said years later, "became my home, my school and my university."

For the next three years, she had a succession of walk-on parts. Then, in 1923, she got her first major role, as Solveig in Ibsen's *Peer Gynt*. The songs which Solveig has to sing — the last of them ends on a high A — were usually performed by a professional singer standing in the wings. Aase asked if she might sing them herself. The musical director had never heard of such a thing, but was persuaded. The production was a success, with 71 performances in one season.

Aase Bye had not taken the public by storm but she was launched. Over the next few years she played in Shakespeare, Sardou, Strindberg, Pirandello, Molière, Holberg and J. M. Synge. In 1926, despite pressure from the theatre which preferred its actresses single, she married Carl Christensen, a doctor with a large practice and a large house outside Oslo.

It did not last. Three years later she remarried but her second husband, Jan Dedichen, died of a heart attack six years later. Shortly afterwards she fell ill with tuberculosis. She spent many months in a sanatorium and it was the best part of two years before she returned to the stage.

Her career had taken off decisively in 1929, the year of her second marriage, when she was cast as Lady Teazle in *The School for Scandal* (she appeared on stage with two of her own Pekinese dogs). In 1934 she played Maja Rubek in Ibsen's *When We Dead Awaken*, the first time the play had been performed since its première in 1900.

The natural qualities of Bye's voice and Solveig's high notes stood her in good stead, helping her to success in operetta, including *Fledermaus*, *La Belle Hélène* and *The Merry Widow*.

Like film work television did not interest her greatly, but she made a distinguished contribution to the art of radio drama. Her Norwegian was singularly pure and clear. On King Haakon's 80th birthday in 1952 she was chosen to read the prologue to the celebrations. Her many honours included the Norwegian Order of St Olav and the Ethiopian Order of Menelik.

Her third husband, Dr Trygve Hoff, died in 1982.

Marriages

Mr R. Cluer
and The Hon Henrietta Butler
The marriage has taken place quietly between Mr Robert Cluer, only son of Mr Henry Cluer, of South Africa, and The Hon Henrietta Butler, only daughter of The Viscount Mountgarret and The Lady Howard de Walden.

Mr R.B. Churchill
and Miss S.H. Block
The marriage took place yesterday at the Church of St James, Abinger Common, Dorking, Surrey, of Mr Robert Bruce Churchill, son of Mr and Mrs John Churchill, of Chipping Campden, Gloucestershire, to Miss Serena Hazledine Block, daughter of Mr Nicholas Block, of Abinger Hammer, Surrey, and of the Hon Mrs Timothy Elworthy, of Swyncombe, Oxfordshire. The Rev John Venus officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Rhianna Waugh, Saskia Hawkins, Harriet Cary and Miss Natasha Block. Mr Graham Blackburn was best man.

Mr I.T.W. Measures
and Miss H.E. James
The marriage took place on Tuesday, July 9, at The Chapel of the Nativity within Basingstoke District Hospital, by Archbishop's Special Licence and Faculty, between Ian, only son of Mr and Mrs John Measures, of Deane Down, Hampshire, and Helen, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Derek James, of Oakley, Hampshire. The Rev Dr Peter Gould, Senior Hospital Chaplain, officiated, assisted by the Rev Austin Thorburn, the bridegroom's godfather.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Lynn Perrett. Mr Adam Keddie was best man.

Mr J.C. de Peyer
and Miss R.L. Burke
The marriage took place on July 5, at Trinity College Chapel, Cambridge, of Mr Jason Christopher de Peyer and Miss Rebecca Louise Burke. The Rev Julie Cave Bergquist officiated.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. Mr Peter Elston was best man.

A reception was held at Clare College and the University Arms Hotel and the honeymoon is being spent in Kenya.

Mr A. Wallace
and Miss J. Smith
The marriage took place on Saturday, July 6, at St Gregory's Church, Sudbury, of Mr Andrew John L'Estrange Wallace, son of Mr and Mrs Roland Wallace, of Combs, near Stowmarket, and Miss Julia Elizabeth Smith, daughter of Dr and Mrs Michael Smith, of Colchester.

Church news

Appointments

The Rev Canon Michael H Whitehead, Vicar, Hartlepool St Aidan: to be *also* Rural Dean of Hartlepool (Durham).
The Rev David J Wilbourne, Rector, Monk Fryston and South Milford: to be Domestic Chaplain to the Archbishop of York, and Diocesan Director of Ordinands (York).
The Rev Jean Wilby, Team Vicar in the Hermitage Team Ministry, w responsibility for St Mark, Cold Ash: to test her vocation at All Saints' Convent, Oxford (Oxford).
The Rev Stuart L Wilmot, Rector, Mursley w Swanbourne and Little Horwood (Oxford): to be Priest-in-charge, St James w St Anne, Bermondsey (Southwark).
The Rev David Woollard, Assistant Curate, York St Philip and St James, Clifton: to be Assistant Curate, York St Luke (York).
The Rev K Ann Wren, Parish Deacon, St Chad, Bensham, Gateshead: to be Team Minister, Bensham (Team Ministry), and continuing as Bishop's Adviser for Women's Ministries (Durham).
The Rev Christopher J Wren, Vicar, St Chad, Bensham, Gateshead: to be Rector, Bensham (Team Ministry) (Durham).

Resignations and retirements

The Rev Albert G Alderson, Rector, Upper Ryedale (York): to retire as from 30 September.
The Rev Canon Anthony P Betts, Vicar, Fenny Bentley, Kniveton, Thorpe and Tissington, and an Honorary Canon of Derby Cathedral (Derby): to retire as from 31 August when he will be appointed Canon Emeritus.
The Rev Alexander J Millyard, Vicar, Blakesley w Adstone and Maidford and Farthingstone (Peterborough): to retire as from 31 July.
The Rev Albert Ormiston, Vicar, Dent w Cowgill (Bradford): to retire in September.
The Rev Canon Cedric H Whiteman, Vicar, Wentworth (Sheffield): to retire as from 31 October, but continue as Domestic Chaplain to the Bishop of Sheffield.

Church in Wales

Diocese of Swansea and Brecon

The Rev John R Ellis, Rector of Llanelli, Gilwern to be Rural Dean of Crickhowell.
The Rev Jonathan L Vickery, Rector of Whitton, Pilleth, Cascob, Llangunllo and Bleddfa to be Rector of Crickhowell, Cwmdu and Tretower.
The Rev Rowland Edwards, Curate of Morriston to be Rector of Llangorse, Cathedine, Bwlch, Llanfihangel Talyllyn, Llanywern and Llangasty.
The Rev Brian Woollaston, Curate of Tupsley in the Diocese of Hereford, to be Vicar of Newbridge-on-Wye, Llanfihangel Brynpabuan, Cwmbach Llechryd and Llanafan Fawr.
The Rev Ronald J Cosslett, Vicar of Smallthorne, Burslem in the diocese of Stafford, to be Vicar of Landore.

Diocese of Monmouth

The Rev Malcolm Ralph Ainscough, Curate of Chepstow, to be Vicar within the Rectorial Benefice of Cwmbran.
The Rev Iain Sinclair Doull, Curate of Malpas, to be Priest-in-charge of All Saints, Newport.
The Rev Martin Lloyd Cox, Curate of Risca, to be Vicar within the Rectorial Benefice of Pontypool.
The Rev James Philip Harris, Curate of Bedwellty, to be Vicar of St Matthew, Newport.

Church of Scotland

Inductions

The Rev M William B Dunlop to St Andrew's, Peterhead.
The Rev William G McKaig to St Peter's, Peterculter.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr P.D.M. Burton
and Miss J.L. Puckett
The engagement is announced between Peter Dominique Michel, elder son of Air Commodore M.J-C. Burton, OBE, RAF (retd) and Mrs Burton, of Peterborough, Cambridgeshire, and Janet Lesley, daughter of Mr and Mrs R.E. Puckett, of Bedfont, Middlesex.

Mr T.C. Fawcett
and Miss N.J. Fawcett
The engagement is announced between Thomas, eldest son of Mr Dawson Fawcett and Mrs Patricia Bromage, and Nicola, eldest daughter of Major Michael Fawcett and Mrs Josephine Wills.

Mr P. Fletcher
and Miss D. More Gordon
The engagement is announced between Charles, son of Mr and Mrs P. Fletcher, of Oxford, and Domenica, daughter of Mr and Mrs H. More Gordon, of Inveresk, Midlothian.

Captain D.J. Hercus, RHA
and Fraulein M. Granzow
The engagement is announced between Captain David John Hercus, Royal Horse Artillery, youngest son of Mr and Mrs C.M. Hercus, of Invercargill, New Zealand, and Martina Granzow, eldest daughter of Frau R. Raupach, of Iserlohn, West Germany.

Mr R.A. Kerr
and Miss S.R. Owen
The engagement is announced between Robert, elder son of Mr and Mrs James R. Kerr, of Wimborne Minster, Dorset, and Samantha, younger daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Garry Owen, of Lightwater, Surrey.

Dr D.J. Pennell
and Miss E.A.P.L. Teo
The engagement is announced between Dudley, son of Mr and Mrs Terence Pennell, of Brookman's Park, Hertfordshire, and Elisabeth, daughter of Mr and Mrs Lionel Teo, of Singapore.

Mr J.P.A. Pilditch
and Miss C.A. Abberton
The engagement is announced between Justin, younger son of Mr and Mrs Frederick Pilditch, of Wraysbury, Berkshire, and Clare, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Abberton, of Keighley, Yorkshire.

Home-Start

The Princess of Wales is to become Patron of Home-Start, the charity which offers friendship and support to young families.

Church services tomorrow

Seventh Sunday after Trinity

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.30 M; 11 S Euch, Schubert in G, Ave verum (Elgar), The Dean; 3.15 E, Responses (Piccolo), Wood in E flat, Zadok the Priest (Handel), Rev T Pitt; 6.30 Sermon & Compline, Rev P G C Brett.
YORK MINSTER: 8 & 8.45 HC; 9.30 M; 10 S Euch, Missa Cantuariensis (Moore), O sacrum convivium (Tallis), the Archbishop of Canterbury; 4 E, Collegium Regale (Howells), Te lucis ante terminum (Balfour Gardiner), Rev A Siddall.
ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: 8 & 11 HC, Missa Brevis in C, Coronation Mass (Mozart), Lord, what is man? (Holloway), Very Rev E Evans; 3.15 E, Bairstow in D, Insanae et vanae curae (Haydn), Rev C Hill.
WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 8 HC; 10 M, Responses (Rose), Collegium Regale (Howells), O pray for the peace of Jerusalem (Howells), Canon D Gray; 11.15 Abbey Euch, Jeffrey Lewis Mass, Canon D Gray; 3 E, Darke in F, Bring us O Lord God (Harris), Rev V Stock; 5.45 Organ Recital; 6.30 ES, Rev A Luff.
SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 9 HC; 11 Euch, Five part mass (Byrd), Cantique de Jean Racine (Faure), Jesu, the very thought of thee (Bairstow), Canon M Kitchen; 3 E Jackson in G, Greater love (Ireland), Rev N Worn.
WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: 7, 8, 9, 12, 5.30 & 7 Mass; 10.30 SM, Kronungsmesse (Mozart) sung by Choir & Orchestra of the Salzburger Dom; 2.30 Organ Recital; 3.30 Solemn V & B, Magnificat octavi toni (Suriano), O sacrum convivium (Victoria), Weinen, Klagen, Sorgen, Zagen (Liszt).
ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL, Southwark: 6 LM (Saturday), 8, 10 (Children's) & 6 LM; 11.30 HM, Very Rev Canon J P Pannett.
GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF THE DIVINE WISDOM, Moscow Rd, W2: 9.30 M; 11 Divine Liturgy.
RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF THE DORMITION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD, Ennismore Gdns, SW7: 10.30 Divine Liturgy.
SERBIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF ST SAVVA, Lancaster Rd, W11: 10.30 Divine Liturgy.

THE CHAPEL ROYAL, St James's Palace: 8.30 HC; 11.15 MP, Alleluia, I heard a voice (Weelkes), Canon A Glendining.
QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY, WC2: 11 M, Te Deum (Britten), Valiant-for-Truth (Vaughan Williams), Rev J Robson.
ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE CHAPEL, Greenwich, SE10: 8.30 HC; 11 S Euch, Cast thy burden (Mendelssohn), They that go down to the sea (Sumsion), The Chaplain.
GRAY'S INN CHAPEL: 10.45 Divine Service, Mulligan sermon by Cardinal Basil Hume.
LINCOLN'S INN CHAPEL: 11.30 S Euch, Rev F V A Boyse.
TOWER OF LONDON, EC3: 11 M, Responses (Radcliffe), Te Deum (Chant), Short Service (Gibbons), When David heard that Absalom was Slain (Tomkins), Rev R D Gould.
TEMPLE CHURCH, Fleet Street, EC4: 8.30 HC; 11.15 MP, Responses (Richard Ayleward), Te Deum (Smart in F), Jubilate Deo (Smart in F), The Wilderness (Wesley), Rev Preb W D Kennedy-Bell.
ST CLEMENT DANES (RAF Church) WC2: 9 & 12.15 HC; 11 MP, Rev A T R Goode.
CHAPEL ROYAL, Hampton Court Palace: 8.30 HC; 11 M, Britten in C, O thou the central orb (Wood); 3.30 E, Thou wilt keep him (Wesley), Wesley in E, The Wilderness (Wesley).

ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER: 11 S Euch, Rev Canon P Delaney.
ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street, W1: 8 & 5.15; 11 HM, Missa Bell' Amfitrit altera (Lassus), Be still my soul (Whitlock), The Vicar; 6 E & B The Second Service (Gibbons), O Lord the maker (Mundy), Rev P McGeary.
ALL SOULS, Langham Place, W1: 11 Rev S Wookey; 6.30 Rev S Parks.
CHELSEA OLD CHURCH, Cheyne Walk, SW3: 8 & 12 HC; 10 Children's Service; 11 M, Preb C E L Thomson; 6 E, Preb C E L Thomson.
CHRIST CHURCH, CHELSEA, SW3: 8 HC; 11 S Euch, Rev S Watson.
GROSVENOR CHAPEL, South Audley Street: 8.15 HC; 11 S Euch, Communion Service in B flat (Stanford), O thou, the central orb (Wood), Here, O my Lord (Whitlock), Rev A W Marks.
HOLY TRINITY, Brompton Road, SW7: 10.30 Family HC, Canon B Green; 6.30 Informal Service, Canon B Green.
HOLY TRINITY, Prince Consort Road, SW7: 8.30 & 12.05 HC; 11 MP, Rev Dr M Israel.
HOLY TRINITY, Sloane Street, SW1: 8.45 HC; 11 S Euch, Rev K L Yates.
ST ALBAN'S, Brooke St, EC1: 9.30 SM; 11 HM, Missa Festiva (Peeters), Mr H Holwell; 5.30 LM.
ST BARTHOLOMEW THE GREAT, Smithfield, EC1: 9 HC; 11 M, A. When David heard (Tomkins), Rev A Winter; 6.30 E, Tallis (Dorian), A. O how amiable are thy dwellings (Weelkes), Rev Brooke Lunn.
ST BRIDE'S, Fleet Street, EC4: 11 Choral M & Euch, Short Service (Gibbons), Missa Bel 'Amfitrit (Lassus), Canon J Robertson; 6.30 E, Blair in B minor, Jesu meine Freude (Bach), Rev W Boulton.
ST CUTHBERT'S, Philbeach Gardens SW5: 10 HC; 11 S Euch, Darke in E, King of Glory, King of Peace (Bach), Rev J Vine.

ST GEORGE'S, Bloomsbury, WC1: 10 HC; 6.30 E, Rev Michael Day.
ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square, W1: 8.30 HC; 11 S Euch, Missa Brevis (Walton), A. Let my prayer come up (Purcell), The Rector.
ST GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS, St Giles High St, WC2: 8 & 12 HC; 11 MP; 6.30 EP, Rev G Taylor.
ST JAMES'S, Piccadilly, W1: 8.30 HC; 11 S Euch; 5.45 EP.
ST JAMES'S, Sussex Gardens, W2: 8 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Missa Brevis (Gabriel), Cantate Domino (Pitoni), Rev Canon J Wilkinson; 6 E, Fauxbourdon (Tallis), Glorious and Powerful God (Stanford), Rev G Buckle.
ST JOHN'S, Hyde Park Crescent, W2: 8 HC; 10 Euch with Children's Church, Rev O Ross; 6.30 ES, Rev O Ross.
ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, Holland Rd, W14: 10 M (Latin); 11 SM, Fr D B Perkins.
ST JOHN'S WOOD CHURCH, NW8: 8 HC; 9.30 HC; 11 S Euch, Missa Pange Lingua (Josquin), Jehova Quam Multi Sunt Hostes Mei (Purcell), Rev B Clover.
ST LUKE'S, Chelsea, SW3: 8 HC, 10.30 MP & HC, Ubi caritas (Duruflé), Rev D Watson; 6.30 E, How lovely (Brahms), Rev N Vigers.
ST MARK'S, Regents Park Rd, NW1: 8 HC; 10 Family HC; 11 S Euch, Mass for four voices (Byrd), Rejoice in the Lord alway (Anon), Rev J Humble.
ST MARGARET'S, Westminster, SW1: 11 Choral M, Responses (Byrd), The Short Service (Gibbons), O Lord, grant the king a long life (Gibbons), Rev R Holloway; 12.15 HC; 12.45 Baptism.
ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS, WC2: 8 HC; 9.45 Euch; 11.30 Visitors to London Service, Rev M Hanwood; 2.45 Chinese Service, Rev G Lee; 5 E; 6.30 ES.

ST MARY ABBOTS, Kensington, W8: 8 & 12.30 HC; 9.30 S Euch, Rev I L Robson; 11.15 M, Rev I L Robson; 6.30 E, Rev T Carl.
ST MARY'S, Bourne St, SW1: 9, 9.45 & 7 LM; 11 HM, Missa Hue ad regem pastorum, Esurientes (Vivaldi), Dulcis Christe (Grancini), Fr D Priest; 6.15 Solemn E & Solemn B.
ST MARY'S, Primrose Hill, NW3: 8 HC; 10.30 Euch, Missa Aeterna Christi (Munera), Rev L von der Pump.
ST MARYLEBONE, Marylebone Road, W1: 8 HC; 11 S Euch, Missa brevis (Palestrina), The Spirit of the Lord (Elgar), Rev J Chater; 6.30 EP.
ST MARY-LE-STRAND (WRNS Church), Strand WC2: 11 Sung Communion, Rev O Clarke.
ST MICHAEL'S, Chester Square, SW1: 8.15 & 11 HC, Rev D C L Prior; 7 Informal ES, Rev D C L Prior.
ST MICHAEL'S, Cornhill, EC3: 11 Choral M, Canterbury Responses, God is a spirit (Sterndale Bennett), Harwood in A flat, Thalben-Ball in B flat, O where shall wisdom be found (Boyce), Rev D Burton Evans.
ST PAUL'S, Onslow Square, SW7: 10.30 Family HC; 6.30 Informal Service.
ST PAUL'S, Wilton Place, SW1: 8 & 9 HC; 11 Solemn Euch, Missa Brevis (Berkeley), Insanae et vanae curae (Haydn), Ave verum Corpus (Phillips), Rev I Kitteringham.
ST PETER'S, Eaton Square, SW1: 8.15 HC; 10 Family Mass; 11 SM, Missa Assumpta est Maria (Palestrina), Exultate Deo (Palestrina), Fr D Tillyer.
ST SIMON ZELOTES, Milner Street, SW3: 8 HC; 11 MP, Lead me, Lord (Wesley), Hear my prayer (Mendelssohn), Rev O James; 6.30 E, Rev G James.
ST STEPHEN'S, Gloucester Road, SW7: 8 & 9 LM; 11 SM, A short Communion Service (Batten), Hear my prayer, O God (Batten), Behold, now praise the Lord (Richard Allison), Fr J Towers; 6 Solemn E & B, Fr N Cocking.
ST VEDAST, Foster Lane, EC2: 11 SM, The Rector.
THE ANNUNCIATION, Bryanston Street, W1: 11 SM, Communion Service in F (Sumsion), Greater love hath no man (Ireland); 6 LM & B.

ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Pont Street, SW1: 11 & 6.30 Rev W A Cairns.
CROWN COURT CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Covent Garden, WC2: 11.15 & 6.30 Rev H G Ross.
THE ASSUMPTION, Warwick Street, W1: 11 Missa O magnum mysterium (Victoria), Sing we merrily (Batten), Panis Angelicus (Casciolini).
CHURCH OF OUR LADY, Lisson Grove, St John's Wood: 10.45 Sung Mass (Latin), Missa de Dringhe (Brumel), Surge Propera (Guerrero).
FARM STREET, W1: 7.30, 8.30, 10, 12.15, 4.15, 6.15 LM; 11 HM, Mass of St Teresa (Refice), Sicut cervus (Palestrina), Panis angelicus (Charpentier).
THE ORATORY, Brompton Road, SW7: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 Mass, Missa Brevis in B flat (Mozart), Ave Maria (Mendelssohn) 12.30, 4.30, 7; 3.30 V & B, Exultate Deo (Handl).
ST ETHELDREDA'S, Ely Place: 11 Sung Mass, Westron wynde Mass (Taverner), Christe redemptor (Blitheman).
ST MARY'S, Cadogan Street, SW3: 8.30, 10, 11 MM, Aeterna Christi Munera (Palestrina), Super Flumina Babylonis (Palestrina), Jesu Dulcis Memoria (Vittoria), 12.15, 6.30.
OUR LADY OF VICTORIES, Kensington High Street, W8: 8.30, 10, 12.30, 6.30 LM; 11.15 SM, Choir of St Mary's Catholic High School, Blackpool, Mass in C (Mozart), Sing unto the Lord (Tye), 7.30 Recital.
AMERICAN CHURCH IN LONDON, Tottenham Court Rd, W1: 11 Rev Ron F Allison.
CITY TEMPLE, Holborn, EC1: 10.30 Rev D Duncan.
CHELSEA METHODIST CHURCH, King's Road, SW3: 11 & 6 Rev M Braddy (HC).
HINDE STREET METHODIST CHURCH, W1: 10 HC, Donald Soper/Phil Hoar; 11 HC, Malcolm Rothwell; 6.30 Andrew Redfern.
KENSINGTON TEMPLE, (Charismatic), Notting Hill Gate, W11: 9, 11, 2.30, 6.30 & 9.
KENSINGTON URC, Allen Street, W8: 11 & 6.30 Rev P Lovatt.
REGENT SQUARE URC (Presbyterian/Congregational), Tavistock Place, WC1: 11 Rev B Tatlay; 6.30 Rev Dr R Scopes.
SALVATION ARMY (Regent Hall), Oxford St W1: 11 Lieutenant Mark Brummitt; 6.30 Major Rosemary Pagett.
ST ANDREW'S URC, Frognal Lane NW3: 11 Rev Dr P Morgan.
ST ANNE AND ST AGNES (Lutheran), Gresham St, EC2: 11 Choral HC, Rev W D Swanson; 7 Choral Vespers, Built on a Rock (Saint-Saëns), Rev R T England.
ST JOHN'S WOOD URC, NW8: 11 Rev A McLellan.
WESLEY'S CHAPEL, City Road, EC2: 9.45 HC; 11 MS, Rev P Hulme.
WESTMINSTER CENTRAL HALL (Methodist), SW1: 11, 6.30, Rev Dr R J Tudor.
WESTMINSTER CHAPEL, Buckingham Gate, SW1: 11, 6.30 Rev Dr R T Kendall.
WESTMINSTER MEETING SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (Quakers), 52 St Martins La WC2: 11. Meeting for worship.

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University news

Oxford

Elections

ST PETER'S COLLEGE
To an honorary fellowship (from October 1): Dr Gerald E Aylmer.
Emeritus fellowships: Dr G K Woodgate and Dr H G Reading; senior research fellowships: Dr Huw R Dorkins, physiological sciences; and Dr Edith Sim, biochemistry; Sampson fellowship: Dr Richard Cross, theology; junior research fellowship in environmental science: Dr John J Remedios, atmospheric physics.

LINACRE COLLEGE
To an honorary fellowship: Professor Thomas Blundell, secretary (chief executive), Agricultural and Food Research Council.

To professorial fellowships (from 1 October 1991): Heather O'Donoghue, Vigfusson Rausing reader in ancient Icelandic literature and antiquities, Martin Parry, IBM director of the environmental change unit.

To official fellowships (from 1 October 1991): Brian Catling, university lecturer in fine art, Thomas Mullin, university lecturer in physics, Andrew Sherratt, senior assistant keeper of antiquities, Ashmolean Museum, Adrian Sutton, university lecturer in materials science.

To an adjunct fellowship (from 1 October 1991): John Woods, director of marine and atmospheric sciences, Natural Environment Research Council.

To junior research fellowships (from 1 October 1991): Richard Cornfield, Adrian Fisher, Andrew Kirkman, Tamara Kohn. To EPA Cephalosporin junior research fellowships (from 1 October 1991): Joanne Cook, Ricardo Murphy, Jonathan Newman, Mark Woolhouse.

WADHAM COLLEGE
To foundation fellowships: Mrs Joyce von Bothmer, Mr Alan Green, Mr John Hewitt, Dr Shoichi Okinaga, Dr Michael Peagram, Mr Peter Placito, Mr Marc Rich.

Cambridge

Election

QUEENS' COLLEGE
To an official fellowship from October 1: Dr Peter Howard Haynes.

Glasgow

Professor Roderick Martin has been appointed to the chair of organisational behaviour in the department of management studies. Professor Martin is a fellow in information management at Templeton College.

Mr Donald MacAulay, reader in Celtic at Aberdeen University, has been appointed to the chair of Celtic. He will take up his post in October after the retiral of Professor Derick Thomson, who has held the chair since 1963.

Birmingham

Honorary degrees

Sir Donald Acheson (MD), Chief Medical Officer of England and Wales; Countess of Avon (LLD); Professor Sir Ralf Dahrendorf (DSocSc), former Director of the LSE; Mr Ryuichi Kato (DSocSc), Chairman of the Tokai Bank of Japan; Lord Mishcon (LLD), solicitor; Dr Alan Rudge (DEng), group technology and development director of British Telecom; Professor Sir John Thomas (DSc), Director of the Royal Institution; Sir Crispin Tickell (LLD), diplomat.

Nottingham

Honorary degrees have been conferred on the following:

LLD: Mr Jonathon Porritt, environmental campaigner; Mr Anthony Cleaver, chairman and chief executive of IBM UK Holdings; Professor Sir David Williams, vice-chancellor of Cambridge University; Mr Roger Godfrey, president of the council of Nottingham University.

DMus: Sir Charles Mackerras, musical director of the Welsh National Opera.

DSc: Professor William Stewart, chief scientific adviser to the Cabinet Office.

City

Appointments

Professor G. T. Goodhardt has been appointed dean of the business school for one year.

Professor R. Batchelor has been appointed head of the department of banking and finance; Professor K. T. V. Grattan has been appointed head of the department of electrical, electronic and information engineering; Professor H. Stephenson has been reappointed as head of the department of journalism; Dr D. Till has been appointed head ofthe department of computer science.

Personal chairs

Professor B. Cohen, professor of computing; Dr K. T. V. Grattan, professor of measurement and instrumentation; Dr A. Jebb, professor of engineering design; Dr A. Johne, professor of marketing in the business school.

Visiting professors

Professor M Baker (business school), Professor J E Broyles (business school), Professor D G Camp (systems science), Mr J Davies (law), Mr P Glazebrook (law), Mr J Hopkins (law), Professor A Kapoor (engineering design centre), Professor A L Marty (business school), Professor V Moore (law), Professor P K M'Pherson (systems science), Mr G T Pepper (business school), Professor A R N Ratcliffe (business school).

READER: Dr A MacGuire (social sciences).

SENIOR LECTURERS
Mr R Barron (social sciences), Mr G W Bennett (law), Mr D J Bolton (computer science), Mr J Crimmion (business computing), Dr I Jones (business school), Dr T L McCluskey (computer science), Mr H Oldfield (optometry and visual science), Dr A E Renshaw (actuarial science and statistics), Dr R N Taylor (civil engineering).

LECTURERS
Mr R Bahgat (computer science), Mr P M Dobson (business school), Mr W M Duncan (business computing), Dr R Edney (mechanical engineering and aeronautics), Dr T Flintham (civil engineering), Mr H Geddes (business school), Ms V Iles (systems science), Mr L Kaounides (business school), Mr W R Melville (business school), Miss F J Parkin (law), Dr Vahabpour-Roudsari (systems science).

Grants

Department of mechanical engineering and aeronautics: £127,971 to Dr M W Collins from Rolls-Royce to study photogrammetry and tomography for holograms.

Social statistics research unit: £2,064,625 from ESRC to Professor J Bynner for the national child development study five contract.

Reading

Grants

Dr J I L Morison (meteorology), Dr P Hadley (horticulture) and Dr J R Porter (AFRC Institute of Arable Crops Research, Long Ashton), £97,799 from the AFRC – growth and development responses of wheat to increased carbon dioxide.

Professor J W Almond, Dr D J Evans (microbiology) and Dr P D Minor (National Institute for Biological Standards and Control), £292,429 from the Medical Research Council – the construction and characterisation of polio-virus antigen chimaeras expressing epitopes from SIV and HIV-2.

Dr J N Andrews (PRI sedimentology), £125,326 from the Natural Environment Research Council – groundwater recharge, migration and geochemical evolution in sedimentary basins.

Dr B W Sellwood (PRI sedimentology) and Dr P J Valdes (meteorology), £94,781 from the NERC – climate of the mesozoic era: a previous "greenhouse" earth.

Dr S A Williams and Professor K D Baker (computer science), £284,372 from the SERC – Teaching Company Programme between the University and British Telecom (CBP) Ltd.

Professor J Mann (chemistry), £165,450 from the EC – chemistry and biological activity of sesquiterpene lactones.

Professor B J Hoskins (meteorology), £95,625 from the EC – climate of the 21st century.

Dr J D Owens (food science and technology), £144,996 from the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food – potential for non-pathogenic organisms as food preservatives.

Dr M Wood (soil science), £120,443 from MAFF – pesticide leaching.

Dr A R McCaffery (pure and applied zoology), £113,219 from the Natural Resources Institute – resistance to pyrethroids in the bollworm *heliothis armigera*.

Professor D C Bassett (physics), £160,072 from an industrial sponsor – microstructure and electrical properties of polymeric power cables insulation material.

Queen's, Belfast

Research projects at Queen's University have received grants of more than £650,000.

The largest, of £105,692, from the Department of Economic Development, has been awarded to Professor George Irwin and Dr Gordon Dodds, of the School of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, for work on the transputer control of multiple industrial robots.

Appointments

To the chair of sociology: Dr Richard James Breen, senior research officer to the Economic and Social Research Institute in Dublin.

To the chair of information management: Dr William Andrew Taylor, lecturer.

Senior lectureship-consultancy in respiratory paediatrics: Dr Michael David Shields; in orthopaedic surgery: Mr John Gordon Brown. Lectureship-senior registrar in obstetrics and gynaecology: Dr Paul Patrick Fogarty. Lectureship in medical genetics: Dr Sarah Elizabeth Hilary Russell; quantitative pathology: Dr Peter William Hamilton; information management: Mr Peter Middleton; economics: Mr Harry (Charalambos) Papapanagos.

Kent

The University of Kent at Canterbury will confer the following honorary degrees at degree congregations in Canterbury Cathedral:

Lord Brabourne, film and television producer and the university's deputy pro-chancellor (DCL); Dr Deryck Taylor, consultant physician in cardiology at the Kent and Canterbury Hospital (DSc); Clifford Pearce, honorary professor of biometry at the University of Kent (DSc); Arthur Percival, assistant director of the Civic Trust's community enterprise unit (DLitt); Patrick Leigh Fermor, author (DLitt); Dr Barbara Burn, associate provost and director of international programmes at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, USA (DCL); André Danthine, professor of systems and automatic control at the University of Liege (DSc); Professor Dr Hans G Leser, director, Des Instituts für Rechtsvergleichung, Philipps Universität Marburg, Germany (LLD).

Dundee

Honorary degrees are to be conferred on the following:

Professor James G Adamson, Vice President and Managing Director of the Dundee plant of NCR (Manufacturing) Ltd; Mr Jack Ashley, MP; Baroness Carnegy of Lour; Professor Stuart Hood, Professor of Film and Television at the Royal College of Art; Dr David Jack, Chairman of the Research Defence Society; Lord Ross, Lord Justice Clerk.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 24

SANNYASI
(c) A Brahmin wandering fakir or religious mendicant, who takes to it in old age, from the Sanskrit *samnyasin* throwing off (sc. the world): "A Hindu sannyasi, or hermit, lived in a cave under the rock."

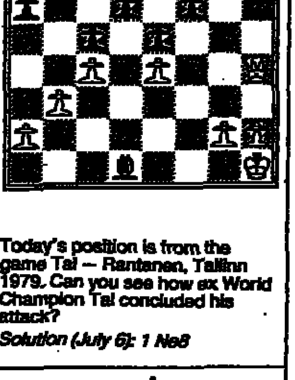
PETRARY
(b) A medieval military engine for discharging stones, from the medieval Latin *petraria* stone machine: "Charging with huge stones the murderous sling or petrary."

STAVESACRE
(b) A tall larkspur, *Delphinium Staphisagria*, the seeds of which were used to destroy vermin, and as an emetic: "The like quantity of stavesacre we must provide us of to kill lice in that rugged country of rebels."

KANG
(a) A brick or wooden erection for sleeping upon, warmed by a fire placed underneath, the original and alarming electric blanket, from the Chinese: "The ground floor was occupied by a kang about 14 feet by six."

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent



Today's position is from the game Tal – Rantanen, Tallinn 1979. Can you see how ex World Champion Tal concluded his attack?

Solution (July 6): 1 Ne8

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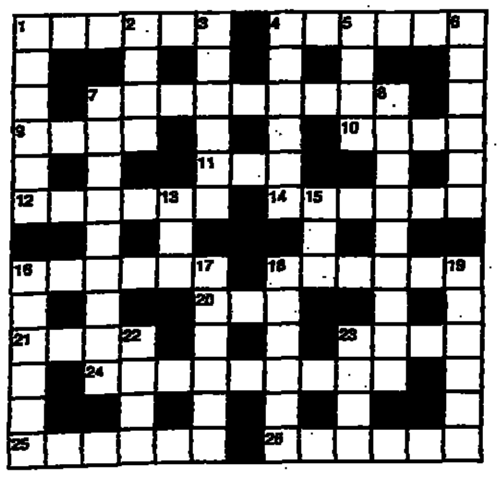

ACROSS
1 Tinges (6)
4 Steering vane (6)
7 007 (5,4)
9 Implement (4)
10 Printed work (4)
11 Hawaiian garland (3)
12 Awning (6)
14 Dealer (6)
16 Loose Eastern coat (6)
18 Hit (6)
20 Scamp (3)
21 Type (4)
23 Trial (4)
24 Ship's look-out post (5,4)
25 New (6)
26 Forceps insect (6)

DOWN
1 Putrefied (6)
2 Trade (4)
3 Decorous (6)
4 Chatter (6)
5 Hollow (4)
6 Duty sheet (6)
7 Maid of Orleans (4,2,3)
8 Utterly silent (4,5)
13 Pod plant (3)
15 Groove (3)
16 Judicially proper (6)
17 Fool (6)
18 Steamed pudding (6)
19 Soldier's sack (6)
22 Veritable (4)
23 Russian emperor (4)

SOLUTION TO NO 2532
ACROSS: 1 Salary 4 Scrawl 9 Piccolo 10 Miles 11 Twee 12 Stitched 14 Gunpowder Plot 16 Top table 18 Bush 20 Naiad 21 Oppress 23 Theory 24 Reason
DOWN: 1 Sup 2 Lectern 3 Room 5 Cemetery 6 Allah 7 Last ditch 8 Costa del Sol 11 Tightknit 13 Colander 15 Laurels 17 Price 19 Épée 22 Son

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O God, our God, how great you are! How terrifying, how powerful! You faithfully keep your covenant promises ...
Nehemiah 9:32 GNB

BIRTHS

ADAMS - On July 12, to James and René, a daughter, Ella Frances.

BARRIE - On February 16th, to Fiona (née Russell) and Howard, a son, Edward William Russell.

BLABER - On thursday, July 11th to Cheryl and Ian, a daughter, Fiona Rhiannon, at the Royal United Hospital, Bath.

BOYCOTT - On July 10th at the Royal Free Hospital, London to Michelle and Peter, a daughter, Isabel Maria Lucy, a sister for Rosalind and James.

BRINSLEY - On July 6th, to Sian (née Williams) and Peter, a daughter Elinor Flora Marie.

BROWN - On June 26th, at York District Hospital, to Sue (née Wright) and Philip, a daughter, Olivia Catherine, a sister for Rebecca and Alexander.

CARROW - On July 11th at Basingstoke, to Harriet (née Leeds) and Richard, a daughter, Rozel Anthea, and a son, Hugh David, twin sister and brother for Anthony.

CLOWES - On Tuesday 9th July to Elizabeth (née Forster) and David, a son, Edward James Garfit.

FRY - On July 4th, to Anne (née MacInnes) and John, a daughter, Emily Clare, a sister for Becky and Charlie.

HAUGH - On July 9th, at the Portland Hospital, to Margaret (née McCullagh) and James, a daughter, a sister to George.

LADER - On July 11th, at Farnborough Hospital to Judith (née Parry) and Jeff, a son, Michael Elliott.

LEPPARD - On July 10th at St Mary's Hospital to Jaki (née Knight) and David, a son, Alexander William.

MELVIN - On June 30th to Clifton and Catherine, a son Timothy James, a brother for Simon and Ana.

PINDER - On July 9th, to Kate (née Healy) and Mark, a son, Thomas Jonathon, a brother for Anna Louise.

PURDON - On July 11th at Heatherwood Hospital, Ascot. To Angela (née Topham) and Tim, a daughter, a sister for Camilla and James.

RILEY-ADAMS - On July 12, to René and James, a daughter, Ella Frances.

ROBERTS - On July 3rd, at R.H.C.H. Winchester, to Anne (née Bowne) and Adrian, a son, Joseph Gregory, a brother for Rebecca.

SAUNDERS - On July 10th to Claire (née Seddon) and John, a son, William James Nathaniel.

STEWART - On May 17th 1991, in New York, to Carol (née Goulian) and Victor Edwin, a son, James Tanelan.

WARRINGTON - On July 9th at home to Jane (née Hoare) and Patrick a daughter Flora Lucy Christina.

WINDETT - On July 7th, at the Portland Hospital, to Sophie (née Miller) and Peter, a son, Alexander Charles.

MARRIAGES

ARGUE:WISE - On Saturday June 22nd, at the Bath Register Office, Lt. Col. Michael Argue to Jane Wise, of Woolverton, Bath.

DIAMOND ANNIVERSARIES

JENKINSON:DEVEREUX - On July 13th 1931, Frederick to Deborah at The Christian Institute, Oswaldtwistle, Lancs. Now living in Folkestone, Kent.

DEATHS

BEAVEN - On July 10th, peacefully at Goldsborough Nursing Home, Elizabeth, loving aunt and much loved friend of a wide circle. Funeral service at St John's Church, Notting Hill at 1pm on Thursday July 18th. Family flowers only, donations if desired to The Botanical Society c/o The Natural History Museum, Cromwell Rd. SW7.

BEER - On July 11th peacefully at Westfield House, Stockton On The Forest, York. Catherine Hannah (née Consitt) widow of Charles and much loved mother of Michael and Susan, her grandchildren Dominic, Miranda, Mark, Anna, Charlotte and Rebecca and great grandson Charles. Family garden flowers only; donations to Dr Boyle's Cardiac Research Fund, York District Hospital.

CARR - On July 9th peacefully, Frank George Griffith Carr. Much loved husband of Ruth. Funeral service at St Michael and All Angels, Black Heath, SE3, at 11 am. Flowers to Francis Chappell & Sons, 4 Lee High Road, SE13 5LQ. 081 852 2936.

CHIPPINDALE - On July 11th 1991, Muriel Noble, peacefully at Kettering, aged 96, widow of Captain Frank Chippindale. Much loved by all the family.

FULLER - On July 10th 1991, at home in Hoxne, Margot beloved wife of John. Cremation private. Service of thanksgiving to be announced later.

GORING - On July 8th 1991, suddenly, Lieutenant Commander Edward Yelverton Combe. Father of Elizabeth and Joanna. Funeral private. Family flowers only.

HOARE - On July 12th, Christina daughter of the late Earl of Antrim. Beloved wife of Joseph. Mother of Charles, Jane and Lucy. Grandmother of Flora.

HOWELL - On Wednesday July 10th, Richard Bonnell, peacefully at his home at Oakford, LLanarth, Dyfed. Dental Surgeon formerly of Lonsdale Road Barn. Cremation service at Parc Gwyn, Narberth, at 12.30 pm Monday July 15th. Interment service at LLanina Church at 11 am Tuesday July 16th.

KOOIJMAN - On June 17, peacefully while with friends in France, Margaret, of Geneva, formerly with the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, wife of the late Frans, sister of Tom Watson in Sydney. Much loved by her extended family and friends. Memorial service Monday 29 July, 1991 at Holy Trinity, rue Monthlanc, Geneva, 12 noon. Donations to Cancer Research

LLOYD JONES - On July 8th 1991, David Elwyn MC, FRCM, much loved husband of Elsie (Liz) and deeply missed by Duncan, Martine, Natasha and Justine. Funeral service on Wednesday July 17th at 11am in the Parish Church of Kew, Kew Green, followed by burial in Mortlake Cemetery. Afterwards at Roehampton Club, Roehampton Lane. Flowers or donations to The Britta Dolan Memorial Cancer Fund may be sent c/o Sanders, 28 Kew Road, Richmond.

MILES - On July 11th peacefully at home in Seaford. Harry, very dear husband and best friend of Pauline. Loved and loving father of Linda, Amanda, Philip, Christine and Stephanie. Friend to Ouill and John. Grampa to Adrian, Emily, James and Olivia. Requiem Mass at St Thomas More, 10am, Tuesday July 16th. No flowers, but donations if desired to Cancer Relief MacMillan Fund - enquiries (0323) 490077.

MONROE - On July 10th peacefully, suddenly at home. John George Monroe, loving and loved husband, father, grandfather, brother and brother-in-law. Private cremation. Thanksgiving service at St. Andrew's, Burgess Hill on Saturday July 27th 4pm. Family flowers only, please, but donations, if wished, to be shared between Christian Aid and RNLI, C/O Radmall Funeral Services, 223 London Road, Burgess Hill.

MOON - On July 10th 1991, suddenly at his home Sir Peter James Scott Moon, beloved husband of Lucile and father of Antoinette, Ghislaine, Gwenaël and sons-in-law. Cremation will take place at Putney Vale Crematorium on Monday July 15th at 12.45pm. Flowers welcome or donations if desired to The World Wildlife Fund. Enquiries and flowers to Fredk.W.Paine, 6, Coombe Lane, Raynes Park. Phone 081-946 1974.

IN MEMORIAM – PRIVATE

HERBERT - L.F. (Bill) - Lovingly remembered on our anniversary and always - Annie.

LLEWELLYN - Margaret Mary (née Chapman) died July 14th 1977. Remembered always with love.

LOVERING - Dear Cathy, ever remembered by all who loved her. Grandma and Grandpa.

STUDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

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ALAN Palmer. Happy birthday from wife Margaret, son Neil, daughter Karen

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BIOLOGY: A Functional Approach A/C textbook only £7, phone (081) 982-8518.

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CLARE my Eifin Lover - Many happy returns. With all my love - Chris

CLARE Blanchard. LLB (Hons). Congratulations on your 2:1. Love always, Mel

CONGRATULATIONS and best wishes Helen Winder 21 today.

EILEEN Stone. Happy fiftieth birthday Mom, for July 14th. Love Lorna xxx

EILEEN many happy returns on your fiftieth tommorow. All my love Terry xxx

ENLARGER, Envoy 35mm to medium format. £90. Further details 061 798 0690

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GRAD with P.G.C.E. (Commendation) in Politics/History seeks 1st appointment. 0252 382797

HAPPY 21st birthday to Ivan Beattie, in Glengormley. All the very best - Geoff

HAPPY birthday daddy. Lots of love Siobhan and Steve

JUSTYN: Hello you fool... I miss you! Happy 7th monthiversary. Colourfull Joy

KAZZY happy 21st birthday from Uncle Piggy and Ming Ming

LOVELACE: Martin + Kate: Happy Silver Anniversary for last Tuesday! Love, N.C.R.E.

MARK Bishop. Happy 28th birthday 11th July. Love Mum, Dad & Alison

MATURE male business student currently running business, seeks viable ideas. 0742 661499

MATURE law student exp. audio typist seeks summer work, anything considered. 071 267 7705

MUMFORD Stuart. Happy 18th Birthday, July 15th. Love Mum, Dad & David.

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NORTH Berwick. Large stone family house. Immaculate decor % £90,000. 0620 2353

OXFORD undergrad. London based reqs summer wrk. Available immediately 0865 794599

RECENT law graduate seeks any reasonably remunerative summer work. Ring 0292 42878

RELIABLE student, with experience, seeks position as nanny during August. 0455 290087.

SARAH happy first anniversary hoping for many more. Love Rob

SARAH, congratulations on your degree, thanks for helping me get mine. Shaun.

STUDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

SOLD 2057 G.R.P. Trailer, trolley, cover, spare boom £500 o.n.o. 0443 814210

SOUTHAMPTON - postgrad reqs own room, shared house close university. (0562) 882100

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WANTED: 3/4 bed house from Sept in Putney/ Roehampton area. Phone Paul 0992 719907

WANTED 8"dia systems diskette/manual/sftwre - IBM display writer. 0487 822892

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YAMAHA 80cc moped, C reg, low mileage, very reliable. £100. Evening 081 881 0048

BIRTHDAYS

HEFFALUMPS Great Jan Jiroušek - 21 today. At Zàc Honza!

WANTED

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When responding to advertisements readers are advised to establish the face value and full details of tickets before entering into any commitment.

OUT OF PRINT Books searched for. SAE Sexton, 10, Church Hill Avenue, Bexhill, E-Sussex, TN39 4BG

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CHELSEA Off Kings Rd luxury large house £110pw including own room 071 376 3116 I

FULHAM girl for quiet room with own bath. house nr tube. £300 pcm. 071-736 1002.

FULHAM Dbl rm for prof m/f. avail now, in lovely gdn flat. £258pcm. 071-381 1669.

ISLINGTON Period hse lge dbl rm ensuite bath gdn nr Tube £85 pw + single £68 Close to amenities 071 389 6534

SOUTHFIELDS Dble rm in mod flt. suit couple/ female, nr tube. £70 + bills. 081 877 0414 Eves.

STOCKWELL Large room in period house, all mod cons, large garden, 1 min tube. £70pw. 071-720 9687 Mark.

STUDENT Rms in Univ hall. Central London (SW7) Now-Sept £60-68pw. 071 244 61051

RENTALS

ACCOMMODATION Urgently req for City Institutions. Call us with your properties to let. Sebastian Estates 071 381 4998

BARONS CT W14. 1 dbl bed flat. f/f, b/b bick, nr tube £145pw inc CH/ HW. 081-979 0625.

4 Bed gracious house in Poole/Wimbourne wanted. For 2 year Co let from Sept. Tel:0708 737468.

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RENTALS

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PUBLIC NOTICES

SWANSON/HARBISON
Would any person knowing the whereabouts or circumstances of Samuel David Swanson, born 14/9/1947 in Tasmania, believed to have resided in London until 1975 or his mother, Mary Swanson nee Harbison contact Corrs Chambers Westgarth - 071 929 4968.

Information sought urgently to assist in the administration of deceased estate.

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE HIGH COURT
OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
COMPANIES COURT
NO. 005376 OF 1991
IN THE MATTER OF
BIMEC INDUSTRIES PLC
AND
IN THE MATTER OF
THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 17th June 1991 confirming the cancellation of the Share Premium Account of the above named Company was registered by the Registrar of Companies on 26th June 1991.

DATED 12th July 1991
Evershed Wells & Hind
10 Newhall Street
Birmingham B3 3LX
Ref: MSL
Tel: (021) 233 2001
Solicitors
for the above named Company

Rule 4.106
The Insolvency Act 1986
Notice of Appointment of Liquidator in Winding Up by the Court

I, Andrew George Pearce, of Ernst & Young, P O Box 1, 3 Colmore Row, Birmingham B3 2DB give notice that on 7 June 1991 I was appointed Liquidator of Ryan Music Ltd by certificate of the Secretary of State of the Department of Trade and Industry

Dated this 8 July 1991
A G PEARCE
LIQUIDATOR

LEGAL NOTICES

NO 007052 OF 1991
IN THE HIGH COURT
OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF
THE INTERCARE GROUP plc
- and -
IN THE MATTER OF
THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on the 17 day of June 1991 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the Share Premium Account of the above named Company by £1,596,000.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Honourable Mr Justice Mervyn Davies at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on Monday the 22 day of July 1991.

Any Creditor or Shareholder of the Company desiring to oppose the making of an order for the confirmation of the said reduction of Share Premium Account should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.

A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

Dated this 13 day
of July 1991
Halliwell Landau
St. James's Court
Brown Street
Manchester M2 2JF
Solicitors
for the above-named Company

No. 007496 of 1991
IN THE HIGH COURT
OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF
JIB GROUP LIMITED
- and -
IN THE MATTER OF
THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on the 27th June 1991 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of (a) the capital of the above-named Company from £102,101,578 to £10,210,157.80 and (b) the Share Premium Account of the said Company from £17,464,057.80 to nil.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Honourable Mr. Justice Mervyn Davies at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London on Monday the 22nd day of July 1991.

ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of capital and Share Premium Account should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.

A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

DATED the 13th July 1991
Linklaters & Paines
Barrington House
59 - 67 Gresham Street
London EC2V 7JA
Tel: 071 606 7080
Solicitors for the Company

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE HIGH COURT
OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
COMPANIES COURT
NO. 005374 OF 1991
IN THE MATTER OF
BIMEC AEROSPACE
TECHNOLOGY PLC
AND
IN THE MATTER OF
THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 17th June 1991 confirming the cancellation of the Share Premium Account of the above named Company was registered by the Registrar of Companies on 26th June 1991.

DATED 12th July 1991
Evershed Wells & Hind
10 Newhall Street
Birmingham B3 3LX
Ref: MSL
Tel: (021) 233 2001
Solicitors
for the above named Company

IN THE HIGH COURT
OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
COMPANIES COURT
NO. 005375 OF 1991
IN THE MATTER OF
BIMEC ENVIRONMENTAL
ENGINEERING PLC
AND
IN THE MATTER OF
THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 17th June 1991 confirming the cancellation of the Share Premium Account of the above named Company was registered by the Registrar of Companies on 26th June 1991.

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Though Colonel de Basil and M. René Blum had fallen out, London was not to be deprived of the chance to see some famous choreographers and dancers. In addition to Léonide Massine and Michel Fokine there were Mlles Danilova, Toumanova and Alicia Markova.

DRURY LANE THEATRE

The Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo began a London season last night before a large audience and in the presence of the Duke and Duchess of Kent. The name of the company is familiar enough from previous seasons and so are many of the principal dancers, but it is no longer Colonel de Basil's company.

Early this year we were told that Colonel de Basil and M. Blum, who had provided rival entertainments in a former season, had joined forces, but various disagreements and lawsuits have so brought it about that the de Basil company of all the talents is no more, and its artists are now playing on opposite sides of Bow Street. All that the public need concern itself with in these quarrels is to know that the company at Drury Lane is under the artistic direction of M. Massine, who has with him from his former associates Mlle Danilova and Mlle Toumanova, and has recruited Mlle Nini Theilade and Mlle Markova, while at Covent Garden M. Fokine is in charge with a company whose programme and achievements are already sufficiently familiar.

The new company made its bow, as was appropriate, in *Les Sylphides*, and immediately gave an assurance of a high standard of dancing. The ensemble of the *corps de ballet* at the end left something to be desired in the matter of precision, but the dream-like atmosphere of the piece was completely recaptured. M. Efrem Kurtz, in charge of the London Symphony Orchestra, led off with very deliberate tempi, which showed that care had been taken to ensure that the company could dance it securely at that pace. Mlle Toumanova was sometimes on her toes, sometimes in the air, and one could not tell which, while Mlles Theilade and Krassova's solos had their authentic charm. This was good. A new ballet to Beethoven's Seventh Symphony was not; one or two effective moments do not make a symphonic ballet.

M. Massine is very persevering with these experiments in symphonic dance-composition, but why does he fly so high? By all means experiment on something simple of Haydn, say, but it is courting failure to take these established masterpieces for his attempts. And in this instance he has made success impossible by imposing a general programme of the very largest possible dimensions upon self-subsistent music — nothing less than the chief themes of the Bible.

The first movements deals with the Creation, and little effort is made to make the dance correspond with the structure of the music. If music of this calibre is taken for dancing, the dance must conform to the architectural plan of the music or dislocation is inevitable. The second movement picks up the idea of the funeral march by presenting a group of figures suggested by pictures of the Descent from the Cross. No detailed story is worked out, but again there is no correspondence in the details of music and choreography — the right way to treat a fugato, for instance, is surely the obvious way, and M. Massine has been at pains to avoid it.

The Scherzo is the easiest, as it is certainly the most successful movement, the programme dealing (why?) with the Sky, the Ether, and two unspecified gods (Mlle Markova and M. Igor Youskevitch). The fourth movement shows the destruction of Sodom, and its fire of living flames is an undoubtedly effective curtain, but somehow not awfully symphonic.

Farmer's diary: Paul Heiney

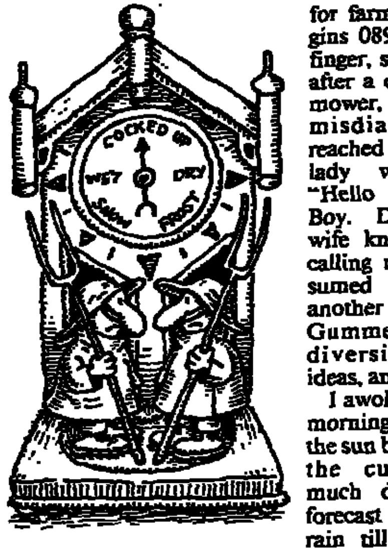
Cocking a snook at the weather

THIS week I cocked it up well and truly, and am rather proud of having done so. I refer to our hay. In a normal season, hay is made by mowing grass and allowing the sun to dry it. A good breeze helps, too. When it is dry on one side, you flip it over and allow it to cook gently on the other. After about five days it becomes hay and you put it in the shed.

When the going is good it is a pleasant enough business; especially if you are farming with horses, for the flipping-over of the swathes of drying grass brings out heady scents that would never penetrate a tractor cab.

But June showed no sympathy, and it was becoming desperate. I was hoping to make hay out of my red clover crop which, although highly nutritious when dry, is a soggy sort of crop when freshly mown and badly needs heat.

"What you wanna do, boy", said my consultant, aged 80 or so, "is do what we used t' do. Yer wan' 'er cock that up!" So I did.



The weather forecast gave a promise of three dry days. If we could get it cut and partially dried, we would be able to build our cocks and allow the rest to take place within them. Cocks are miniature haystacks, loosely built. If you made a big stack of damp clover, it would go mouldy; if it is built around tripods with passages to allow the free flow of air, it can stand safely in the open for weeks. So the old boy told me.

On Thursday I got the horse-drawn clipper out of the barn and gave the Suffolk Punches a hearty breakfast. "... Expected to stay dry in the east till Saturday afternoon," said the forecast. "G'up," I called to the horses and the rattle of the mower cut across the valley for all of half a minute. The crop was over-thick after the wet June, and the knife had clogged. It took five minutes to free. "G'up," and we clacked along. Then we jammed again. I felt the three dry days ebbing away and hardly 50 yards mown. I adjusted the mower to cut higher. "G'up." One horse shot forward like a bullet and the other didn't move. The harness had broken. Back to the stable, hot and very bothered, for more leather.

We cut three sides of the field and turned the horses to take the fourth. "G'up." They moved forward, but with hesitation and I don't blame them. Ahead lay a thick forest of Scotch thistles, each spine ready to torment a sweating horse's body. As we reached the clump the horses slowed, so the cutter jammed. It was lunchtime.

"... With showers breaking out in the east by Saturday morning", the radio said. They'd moved the rain forward half a day! Lunch was grabbed and back to the field. We abandoned the thistley patch and set to on the rest. It was tea time.

"... With rain, heavy and thundery overnight on Friday in the east." Again! With every sweating step we took, the weather forecasters were inching the deluge closer. Quite frankly, I didn't believe them. I rang a special number which gives a recorded weather forecast for farmers. It begins 0898 and my finger, still wobbly after a day on the mower, must have misdialled. I reached a panting lady who said, "Hello there Big Boy. Does your wife know you're calling me?" I assumed this was another of Mr Gummer's farm diversification ideas, and rang off.

I awoke the next morning to find the sun blazing and the cut clover much drier. The forecast was for no rain till late that night. I took a horse and our vintage swath turner and turned every row so the damper underside was exposed to the sun. I sniffed the fragrance of the cooking clover, and scented victory in the air.

About four o'clock we set up our wooden tripods. The horse-rake dragged the clover into heaps and with forks we placed the heaps around the tripods, building them with care till they rose 8ft from the ground, rounded on top but steep sided to repel the rain. It looked like a primitive village: a sight not seen hereabouts for many decades, an ancient pattern back in the summer landscape.

We finished at half past ten, exhausted and aching, and I watched the late weather forecast. Rain was heading relentlessly our way — "downpours in the east tonight!" Happily we went to bed.

It is now four days since we finished, and it has not rained. I guess somebody cocked it up.

Ultimately, an Englishman

Home from home: Dr Anastasios Christodoulou

JULIAN HERBERT

Country convert: Dr Anastasios Christodoulou and the Hovel — "I'm looking forward to retiring to this very English village"

"THAT'S not a house, it's a hovel," Dr Anastasios Christodoulou's four children complained when the secretary general of the Association of Commonwealth Universities showed them his new country residence in Aspley Guise, Bedfordshire, near Milton Keynes.

It is a tiny cake-decoration of a dwelling, the early 19th century abode of tailors and scholars. To the offspring, accustomed to a large, Victorian, four-storey, many balconied, Swiss chalet-style house in the same village, as well as a massive, many bathroomed Kensington apartment, the cottage was a bit of a joke. Now, lavishly restored, extended and admired for what American guests refer to as its vibes as well as its views, the house is still referred to, familiarly, as the Hovel.

Their father has a much better idea of what that actually means. His adolescence was spent in an attic flat in Brixton, his childhood in Soho and pre-school days in a small, bare house in Cyprus. He arrived in Britain aged four. "Because Cyprus was deep in a vicious recession, there was a mass emigration in the mid Thirties," Dr Christodoulou explains. "Some went to the States, some to Australia, most to Britain. The majority of those settled in Soho. My father did what most of them did, which was scrubbing saucepans and peeling potatoes, saving and borrowing until, finally, he could afford to open up little cafés and restaurants."

DR CHRISTODOULOU also spent most of his own youth peeling potatoes and scrubbing saucepans. He was not, however, to follow in the family tradition. Instead the clever child, who, after half a term of English schooling, acted as translator for the whole Cypriot community (according to his wife and fellow academic, Joan), was encouraged by his nearly illiterate father to study. "He thought it would be a passbook to wealth," Dr Christodoulou says.

"There is an irony here because all my contemporaries whose parents went into the catering trade followed in the family footsteps and have made a lot of money. What I received was a passport to comfort and an enjoyable way of life."

While studying at Marylebone grammar school he discovered that an enjoyable way of life was a rural way of life. "It was wartime and the authorities put us all on a train and took us 18 miles out of London. It was wonderful and I did actually swear then that I would never live in London again."

As secretary general, though, he is "obliged" to live in the ACU's Kensington flat. He prefers worries about greenfly to fears of street crime. "London is so hectic and I really miss the sense of community we find in the country. I miss the village pub and the church fête and the cricket team and all those intrinsic English village activities."

While Dr Christodoulou may be a Cypriot emigrant, he can outbumpkin the best of them. "My wife says you just have to scratch at my surface and a Cypriot barbarian comes through, but really a series of events have made me more English than the English. After I lost my mother, as she was giving birth to twins when I was six, an English schoolmistress virtually adopted me. Then came the evacuation and more English foster parents."

After English grammar school and the British army came four years at Oxford, where he met his future wife. "Now I'm looking forward to retiring to this very English village, sitting in this newly-created, very English flower garden, looking out over rolling countryside and drinking Joan's fruit wine in the company of old English friends."

Dr Christodoulou first came to Aspley Guise after six years as deputy secretary at Leeds university and, before that, six years in East Africa as a district commissioner magistrate. It was 1969, and he was the first chief administrator of the Open University. He did not really want to do it, and certainly did not want to live in Milton Keynes. But after Mrs Christodoulou, the only woman on the development corporation's board, became involved in the town's design and landscaping, Dr Christodoulou was surprised to find that parts of the town were lovely.

> *'I miss the village pub and the church fête and the cricket team'*

The old village of Aspley Guise, where they made their home, is only four miles away. "In fact it's been tremendously exciting to be near a developing city and involved in the development," he says. The development of the OU, too, became a success and the model has since been adopted in many other countries.

Helping to spread the word to those other countries took Dr Christodoulou abroad once more. Subsequent jobs as vice-chairman of the Commonwealth Institute from 1982-9, as well as secretary general of the ACU since 1980, have involved even more travelling. "I love abroad but I'm not tempted to take up the offers of the headship of universities which I occasionally receive," he says.

Nor does he see a future in his native land. "As the whole of northern Cyprus has been taken over by Turks, my home village is occupied. I could not contemplate life in southern Cyprus. I can't even cope with holidays there. I feel like a tourist in my own island. It doesn't feel like going back home. And now this island is my home."

NICOLA MURPHY

Country events

THIS WEEKEND

☐ **Oundle international organ festival:** Organists and choirs congregate for the seventh festival of classical and contemporary music.
Oundle and environs, Northamptonshire. Tomorrow until July 21 (0832 272227).

☐ **Tatton Park fine art fair:** Oil paintings, watercolours, prints, bronzes and sculptures.
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Roche Court, Winterslow, near Salisbury, Wiltshire. Today from 11am.

☐ **Beamish sports day:** Traditional northern sports.
Open Air Museum, Beamish, Co Durham (0207 231811). Tomorrow 10am.

NEXT WEEK

☐ **RHS garden walk:** Tour of the garden created by Lady Anne Palmer.
Rosemoor Garden, Great Torrington, Devon. Wednesday 11am (0805 24067).

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Ightham Mote, Ivy Hatch, near Sevenoaks, Kent. Tuesday 2pm. Tickets £2. Bookable on 0892 891001.

JUDY FROSHAUG

Feather report

Is Major on the level?

JOHN Major's announcement of his new environment agency made me feel like the nice uncle I am, inspecting something his nephew has made at school. "It's lovely. Luke ... er, what does it do?"

What it clearly does do is give Mr Major and the Conservative party the moral high ground. But what does it do for, say, black-tailed godwit and Bewick's swans?

The new agency will combine the National Rivers Authority (NRA) with Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Pollution. The NRA has two principal functions: control of water levels and regulation of pollution. Pollution is not the only conservation problem; water level also involves human greed and permanent destruction of wildlife.

This brings us to the Somerset Levels: an area of sumptuous wet meadows. Winter brings to the levels internationally important numbers of Bewick's swans, wigeon, teal and lapwing. Spring gives you nationally important numbers of breeding snipe and black-tailed godwit.

Breeding waders declined 55 per cent on the Somerset Levels between 1977 and 1987. The reason for this is drainage. Levels have been progressively lowered, and shallow floods have been prevented. This suits a small number of farmers.

The draining is in the hands of a local flood defence committee and internal drainage boards, which report to the NRA. Local farming interests are strongly represented on these bodies. Thus, we have self-interest. The NRA has spoken about its duty to "balance" the interests of farmers and of conservationists. But you cannot balance a wetland — it is either wet or it is not.

Stuart Housden, the RSPB's head of conservation planning, believes that the government is failing in its international commitments to conservation "by allowing one of the top sites in the United Kingdom to be damaged and destroyed. Important decisions about drainage should not be left to quangos."

The last meeting of the Somerset flood defence committee took the decision to opt for further consultation. In other words, they decided not to decide anything.

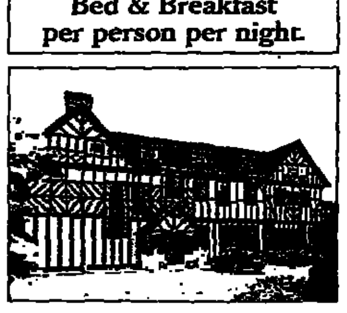
In the meantime, the RSPB is wondering what effect the new agency is going to have on wetlands. Will the control of water become the responsibility of a body that has no need to keep its "environmental" end up? It's just not clear.

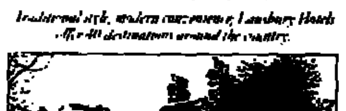
Meanwhile, at the Somerset Levels, the plug has been pulled and the water is running down the plughole. Within five years the breeding waders will have gone.

In five years' time, I have no doubt that my nephew's work will become comprehensible to me. And in five years' time, perhaps Mr Major will still be prime minister. I wonder if we will understand his environmental policy by then?

SIMON BARNES

● **What's about:** *Birders — worth checking gravel pits for returning waders. Twitchers — black-winged stilt at Trimley, Felixstowe, alpine swift over Landguard Point, in Suffolk.*





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Tides turning against the tall ships

Tomorrow 100 tall ships will gather in Milford Haven for the Cutty Sark races. But all is not plain sailing

IAN JONES

Master cast: crew members of the Astrid in Milford Haven preparing for tomorrow's race

A thousand ships could find room to anchor in Milford Haven, according to Daniel Defoe — a grudging admission, for the great explorer of 18th century Britain was reluctant to concede that anything worthwhile was to be found in Wales. The deep inlet with its setting of rocks and hills is arguably the finest natural harbour anywhere in the British Isles.

Tomorrow it will come nearer than it has this century to testing the truth of Defoe's claim. A hundred sailing ships large and small will gather there, together with an unpredictable number of vessels out to see the show, milling round at the starting line of this year's series of Cutty Sark tall ships' races.

It will be the first time that the familiar annual scene of waterborne chaos has been enacted in Wales. The competing ships will sail for Cork, on the first leg of a journey that will take them to Belfast, round the tip of Scotland to Aberdeen, and eventually to Delfzijl in The Netherlands. The racing fleet has never before been to the Irish republic, nor to Ulster — where it is to be the centrepiece of a summer festival in Belfast.

There will be ships from a dozen countries in the fleet, including the Sea Cadets' diminutive training ship, Royalist, and the Jubilee Sailing Trust's barque, Lord Nelson. Many handsome vessels of traditional cut will be there, including the French L'Etoile and Belle Poule, the British brig Astrid, and Ireland's Asgard II. About half the vessels competing will be British.

But it will not be a vintage year for the largest and most spectacular vessels, the ones built on the lines of the clipper ships of the past. The biggest ship in the race will be the three-masted Polish full rigger Dar Mlodziezy, a very free modern variation on the theme. None of the graceful ships and barques from Scandinavia and Germany will be at Milford Haven. Nor will the two superb four-masted barques from the Soviet Union, Sedov and Kruzenshtern, which are historic ships in their own right. Sedov may put in a courtesy appearance in Belfast.

There are several reasons for the relatively thin field. An unspoken one may be political inhibitions about visiting Northern Ireland. A more important factor is that organisers are husbanding their resources for next year, which will see a uniquely heavy four-month programme of races, to celebrate the 500th anniversary of Columbus's first voyage across the Atlantic in 1492. The Columbus fleet will cross the Atlantic twice, starting in Cadiz and ending in Liverpool. A number of ships are staying close to home this year, and saving up for 1992.

Recession has left its mark on a training ship fleet which had been growing steadily in recent years. Business sponsors which used to subsidise berths for young people, out of a conviction that life before the mast strengthens the character, now have to think twice about doing so.

Paradoxically, this is good news for those who have a conviction that life before the mast is fun. Sail training has been slow to shake off its origins as a means of breaking in boys destined for a life at sea; until recently, the Sail Training Association imposed an age limit of 25 for trainees on most voyages.

But this season, recession has impelled the STA and others to make a sharp increase in the number of voyages without an age limit.

Meanwhile, the need to make ends meet has led other training ships, built to train seamen, to take individual amateurs as paying trainees. The price of a berth on one of these vessels is normally about £50 a day, excluding the cost of travel to embark.

In Britain, the Mariners International Club — a clearing-house of news about such opportunities around the world, based at the National Maritime Museum in Greenwich — will be chartering the brig Astrid next month for its members. The ship's 24 berths were sold out weeks ago.

On Monday the Sorlandet sails from Lowestoft for her Norwegian home port of Kristiansund. The three-masted ship will be carrying 70-year old Peter Stuckey as one of her crew. Last year he made the first voyage of his life in a square-rigged ship, aboard the same vessel.

"I enjoyed every second of it," he says. "I was afraid that as an ancient Englishman with no experience, they might look at me as odd, but they could not have been more friendly. I was able to take my share of work on board, and the experience of steering the ship in a gale at night is something I shall never forget."

GEORGE HILL

Events in town

THIS WEEKEND

☐ **Cheltenham carnival and donkey derby:** Colourful parade today with a nursery rhyme theme leaves the Pittville Pump Room at 4.45pm. The annual donkey derby is held tomorrow at Cox's Meadow with races from 2pm to 5pm.
Cheltenham, Gloucestershire. Today, tomorrow.

☐ **Royal Kingston regatta:** Traditional rowing event which this year also includes dragon boat races.
Kingston-upon-Thames. Today, 10am-6pm. Adult £1, children 50p.

☐ **Herbs of life:** A guided walk and talk looking for and identifying 30 species of herbal plants with an opportunity to learn about their medicinal properties.
Lee Valley Park, Waltham Abbey, Essex. Meet Lee Valley Ice Centre car park, Lea Bridge Road, London E10, tomorrow at 2pm.

☐ **Cricket:** An exhibition of the work of top sports photographers.
The Special Photographers Company, 21 Kensington Park Road, London W11 (071-221 3489). Today until August 10. Monday-Friday 10am-6.30pm, Saturday 11am-5pm.

NEXT WEEK

☐ **The year of the maze:** An exhibition of photographs, detailed designs and examples based on *The Art of the Maze*, by Adrian Fisher.
Museum of Garden History, St Mary-at-Lambeth, Lambeth Palace Road, London SE1 (071-261 1891). Tuesday until July 30. Monday to Friday 11am-3pm, Sunday 10.30am-5pm. Free.

☐ **Doggett's coat and badge race:** Famous single-sculls race, founded in 1715,held over a four-mile seven-furlong course. Competitors are freemen of the Watermen's Company.
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Journey through the London underground

There is almost as much going on below the surface of the city as above it. **George Hill** is your guide to the catacombs of the capital

Like an iceberg, London extends far below what can be seen of it on the surface. Like an old tooth, it is riddled with hidden cavities. Some of them are twice as deep as the tunnels where the Tube trains run, and most of them are unseen by the public. In the vaults under its buildings or in the hundreds of miles of tunnels which burrow through the London clay, the city stores its treasures, carries its services and eliminates its waste.

The Crown Jewels are kept in a cellar. The Bank of England hides its tons of bullion in vaults so extensive that the bank boasts that its volume below ground is greater than that of the nearby NatWest Tower above ground. The majestic Victorian underworld of London's sewers contains 100 miles of brickwork conduits, some so large that you could drive a coach and horses through them.

An underground railway without drivers or passengers runs for 23 miles below the city, carrying mailbags between the postal sorting offices and the rail terminals. The Thames is criss-crossed not only by road and rail tunnels, but also by four passages big enough to walk through, which serve as ducts for cables carrying mains electricity from the national grid. Ranks of carcasses spangled with hoar frost hang on hooks in the subterranean cold store below Smithfield market. The newly excavated book stack for the British Library at King's Cross, deep as an eight-storey building is high, is the biggest hole ever dug in London.

Because London is still alive, its underground past tends to be uncovered only fleetingly, before being destroyed. Some secrets of the successive Londons of the past are still hidden below ground level. But they must be relatively few, since the building boom of the Eighties sent the foundations of tower blocks down through the ancestral layers of debris.

A decade of frantic activity in construction was, paradoxically, a golden age of urban archaeology, as the developers earned respectability by financing rescue digs in the terrain they were about to obliterate. The end of that golden age is symbolised by English Heritage's plans to give up its funding for the Museum of London's archaeological teams, which uncovered the Rose and Globe theatres, the Roman baths at Huggin Hill and the relics of Saxon Lundenwic.

For a settlement with such a long history, London has relatively few places where the traces of former buildings can still be seen in situ. Once examined and recorded, the larger remains of the past go for infill, and the smaller ones are carried off to the Museum of London's cellars below the Barbican, an extensive catacomb of labelled boxes full of potsherds and scraps of blackened leather.

The most remarkable ancient building discovered in London since the war, the Roman temple of Mithras near Mansion House, was dismantled and rebuilt on the surface, stripped of atmosphere and scholarly significance, beside the offfice block which replaced it. We are a little less brutal today: the Huggin Hill baths will eventually be opened to the public, while the block which will stand on the site of the Elizabethan Rose theatre is being adapted, after vigorous protests, to allow the fragile traces of the theatre to be put on public display in the basement.

> *An echoing, oozing place, drumming with the wheels of illicit skateboarders*

Medieval remains in situ are almost as scanty as Roman ones. At Clerkenwell, the stonework of the original "Clerks' Well" survives. The crypt of St Bride's church contains masonry which formed part of the foundations of the church which stood on the site in late Saxon times. The Wren church of St Mary Le Bow is built above a crypt dating from Norman times.

Wren's own crypt at St Paul's is large but institutional, studded with tablets commemorating heroes, and interesting mainly because it enshrines the most remarkable vehicle in London, the 18-ton jet-black juggernaut which carried the body of the Duke of Wellington to his grave in 1852.

London's underground life is carried on to a great extent in church crypts, some of which are busier and arguably more useful than the loftier spaces above. Some, such as St Botolph's Aldgate and Christ Church, Spitalfields, use their basements as hostels for alcoholics or the homeless. For 20 years the 16-bed alcoholics' hostel in the crypt of Christ Church was the only part of Hawksmoor's masterpiece that was functioning at all, while the church itself was waiting for restoration.

St Martin-in-the-Fields, facing Trafalgar Square, finds subterranean space not only for the homeless, but also for a restaurant, a bookshop and an art gallery. At St Marylebone parish church, between Harley Street and Regent's Park, the then rector swept away nearly 800 Victorian corpses a dozen years ago (they were respectfully reinterred in Brookwood cemetery) and used the space vacated by the dead to set up a healing centre, where an NHS surgery, and healing through prayer and the laying on of hands, coexist without any sense of incongruity.

The 19th century was an age of intense underground activity. The Rotherhithe tunnel, built by Sir Mark Isambard Brunel, with his more famous son as his assistant, was the first tunnel built under a river, and the first to be built in the modern way, by means of a moving shield as wide and as high as the tunnel. The project was a long and dangerous struggle, with the river repeatedly breaking in and flooding the workings. The tunnel was not opened until 1843, 19 years after it was begun.

Grimy and crowded, the Rotherhithe tunnel today is no more than a vexatious incident in a car journey: to get a clearer impression of how bold it must have seemed at the time to cut a passage below a busy tideway, it is necessary to go to the slightly later foot-tunnel below the Thames at Greenwich — an echoing, oozing place, drumming with the wheels of illicit underwater skateboarders, where one can almost feel the weight of the ships passing overhead.

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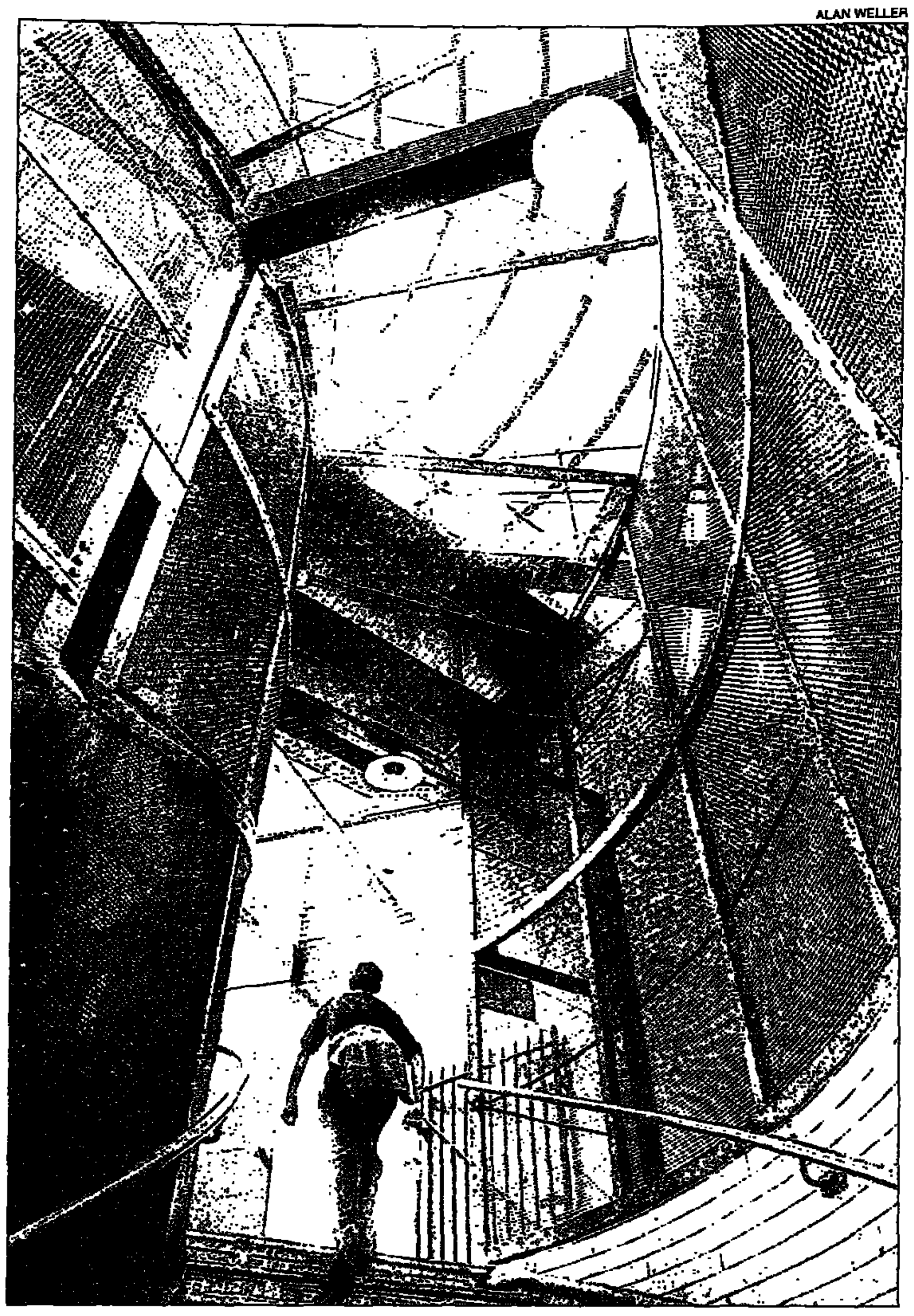


Emerging from a marvel of engineering: the Greenwich foot-tunnel, built more than a century ago

The Post Office has its own underground railway, running from Paddington to Whitechapel, opened in 1927. Its miniature trains, operated automatically, carry ten million bags of mail every year from the sorting offices to British Rail's mail trains.

The labyrinth beneath London continues to grow. A new tunnel is being driven through the clay which is longer than the Channel tunnel, but receives only a fraction of the publicity. The London ring main, 50 miles long and 8ft in diameter, runs far below the sewers, and twice as deep as the Tube trains (which run nearly 70ft below sea level on the line just south of Waterloo). Due to be finished in 1996, it will be able carry 285 million gallons of drinking water a day — enough to fill the Albert Hall more than eight times over.

● *The Greenwich foot tunnel runs from the Island Gardens station on the Docklands Light Railway to Cutty Sark Gardens. The crypts of St Bride's in Fleet Street, EC4, St Mary-Le-Bow (Cheapside, EC2), and the other churches mentioned, are open during usual church hours. Temple of Mithras, Queen Victoria Street, EC4. Clerks' Well, 14-16 Farringdon Lane, EC1 (details from Finsbury reference library, 071-609 3051).*

Carried away by the portable

Assets

FOLD-UP furniture is no longer just a budget item produced in kit form. The portable furniture at this year's Milan furniture fair looked attractive and compactly practical.

Sheridan Coakley, of SCP, which makes furniture and commissions designs, says: "Folding furniture has often been gimmicky, but designs now focus on practicality and can look quite traditional, like Matthew Hilton's folding dining table. Folding tables, in particular, are almost essential, with fewer homes having separate dining rooms."

Mr Hilton's Auberon dining table in solid American cherry costs £1,727, and will soon be joined by a folding "feasting" table.

Among the pieces exhibited by SCP at Milan were two adjustable side tables, which can be dismantled for storage. Tam Tam and Tom Tom, which cost £399 each, were designed by Konstantin Grcic, who graduated from the Royal College of Art last summer.

Philip Platt, of London's modern furniture specialists Pira, says: "In the past this type of product was associated with cheap prices. Now the folding or stacking aspect is a prime consideration."

A number of imaginative space-saving pieces are featured in the Magis collection, imported from Italy by Pira. They include the Scalo folding steps, from £107 (two steps) to £156 (four steps), the Rondine steel-framed folding chair, £100, and stackable Condor bar stools with colourful plastic seats, from £78.

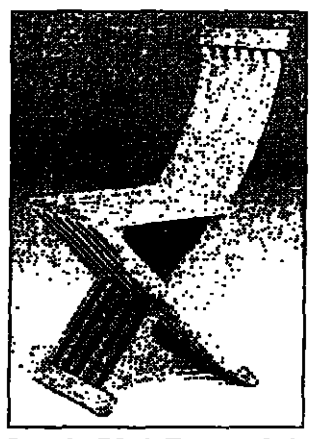
The Conran Shop's selection of folding furniture will expand in late summer with the addition of two pieces shown at Milan: the intensely coloured Battista folding extension table-trolley on wheels, which costs £455, and the shooting stick-like Leopoldo folding side-table, from £189. Designed by Antonio Citterio for Kartell, the Italian company, the Battista and Leopoldo are also available from Ideas for Living.

Tiramiso, a neatly designed stepladder, costs £117. More flamboyant is Metamorphosis, a folding table-chair in bright Mondrian colours whose circular table top doubles as a chair back when in an upright position. This limited edition piece by Stephen Povey costs £1,000, to order, from Diametrics.

Colin Baker, who was trained at the School for Craftsmen in Wood at Parnham House, Beaminster, Dorset, has designed his slimline sprung ash shelves for folding portability. Perfect for smaller, or rented, accommodation, they offer a free-standing, self-contained storage or display area and cost from £199 in a selection of widths.

Similarly, Tondo, a white, lacquered low table made of medium-density fibreboard can be taken apart for storage. Designed by another Parnham graduate, John Griffiths, the piece was on show last month as part of an exhibition of work by this year's graduating students from the School for Craftsmen in Wood.

Folding furniture has exercised the ingenuity of other former Parnham students, including Ben Pincus, whose If You Dare geometrically shaped folding chair doubles as a decorative wall-hung sculpture and costs £632. Charles McGrigor's Interlok folding chair, £150, in lacquered plywood and beech, is another space-saving design.



In style: SCP's Tomasa chair

Not to be outdone by his own students, John Makepeace, who runs the School for Craftsmen in Wood, has come up with a folding recliner, designed to give support to the body in all positions. It costs about £900, to order, from Mr Makepeace.

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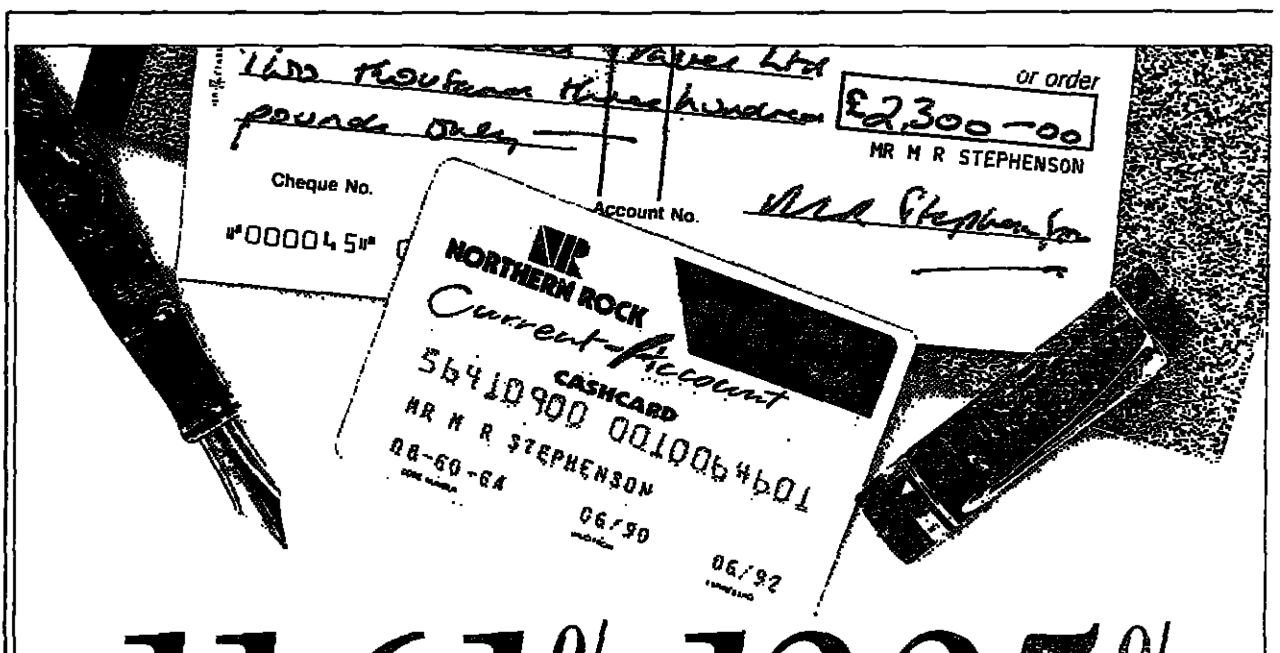

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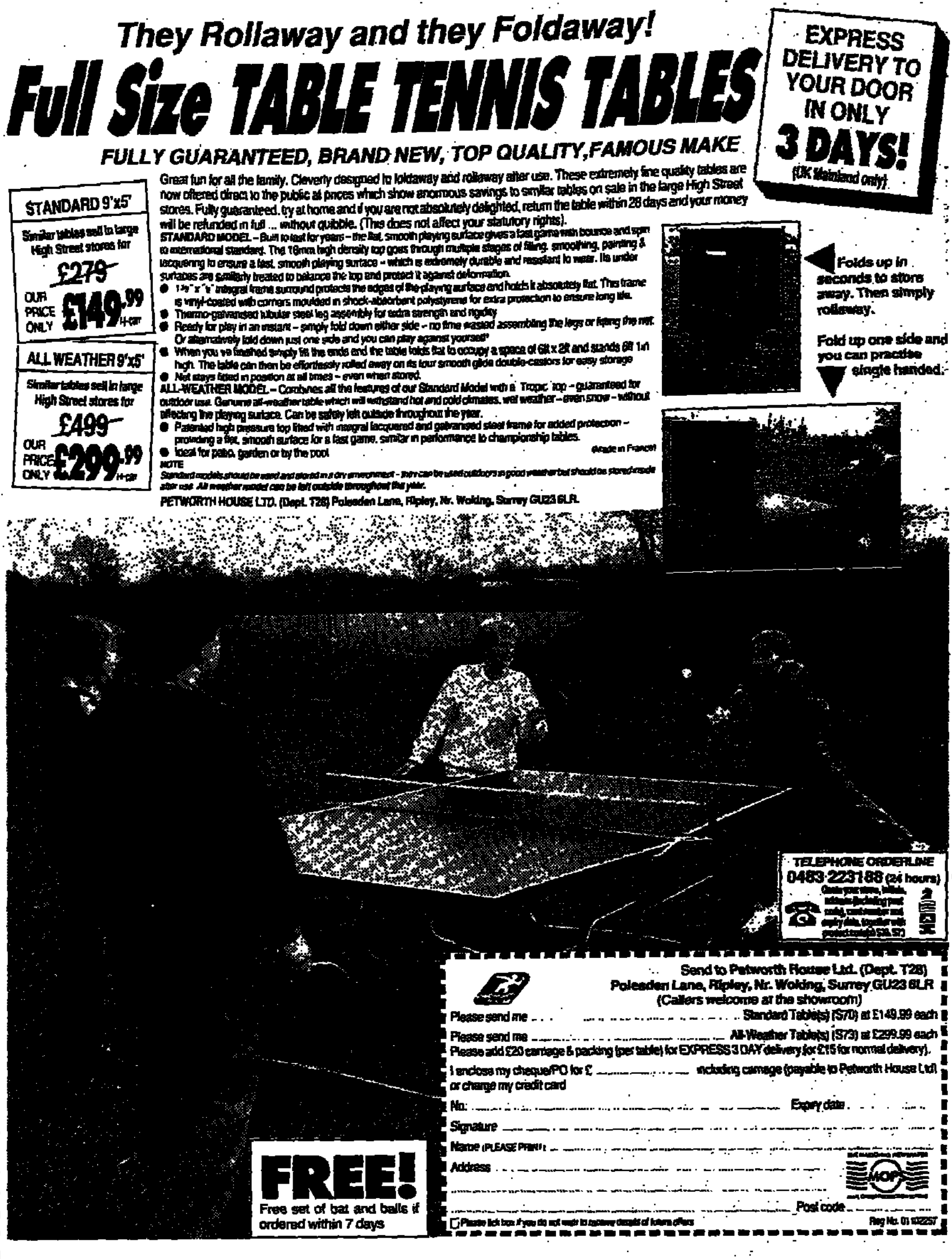

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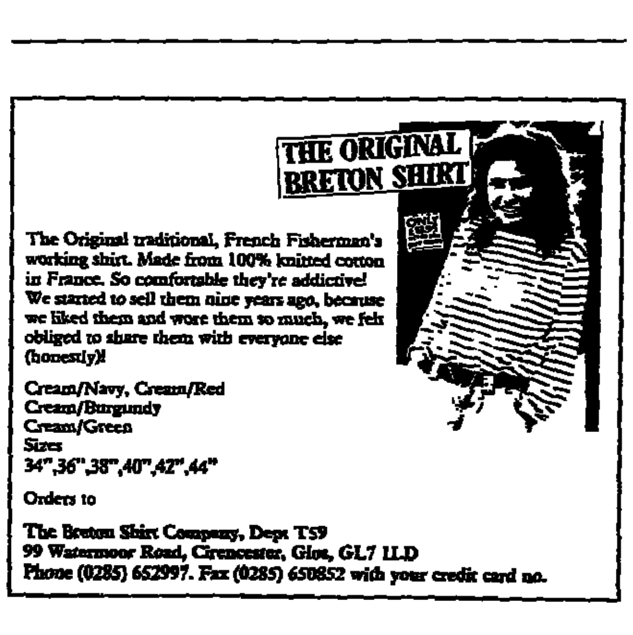

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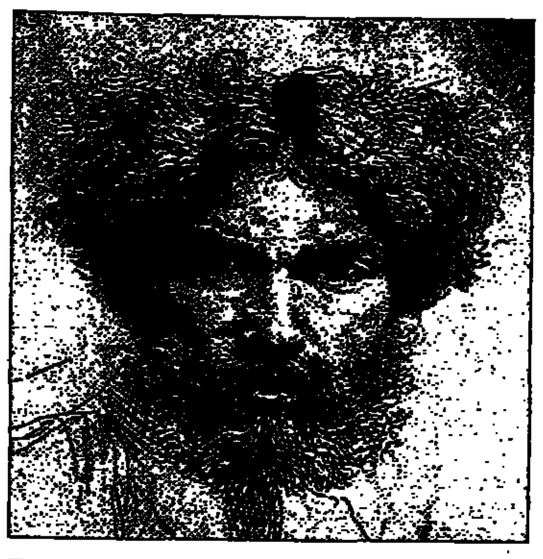
The resurrection of Augustus

After being eclipsed by his sister Gwen, is Augustus John now ripe for revival? Sarah Jane Checkland reports

Augustus John's wild, bearded moodiness set behavioural and sartorial standards for British bohemians over two generations. From the moment his genius was recognised as a student at the Slade school of art in 1897, his works were pounced on by eager admirers who gasped at their virtuosity and truth.

As a grand old man of 76, in 1954, he was honoured by an important retrospective exhibition at the Royal Academy. After his death in 1961, however, two massive studio sales flooded the market with inferior drawings scooped up from his studio floor, with the inevitable depressive effect on his prices. Then, in 1985, the "Great Artist, the Great Lover, the Great Bohemian Enjoyer of Life", as Michael Holroyd described John in his 1974 biography, was eclipsed by the introverted paintings of his sister, Gwen. An exhibition of them at the Barbican art gallery was embraced by critics acclaiming her as "Augustus John's more talented sister", and a "feminist heroine". The great man's disingenuous refrain in his later years that "50 years after my death I shall be remembered as Gwen John's brother" appeared to have come true in half that time.



Family likeness: a self portrait by Augustus John

The current verdict on the great man, according to Janet Green, Sotheby's expert on 20th century British art, is that although the Augustus John market has been recovering, it has a long way to go. "In my opinion he is one of the great master draughtsmen of the century," she says.

Now the Piccadilly Gallery is attempting to redress the balance with an exhibition of 60 works. Covering all categories he produced, from drawings and etchings to oil paintings, and with prices ranging from £950 for a pen and ink drawing to £60,000 for an oil painting of John's great love, Dorelia, it is a respectable bid to reinstate him.

The two dealers in charge, Godfrey Pilkington and Max Rutherston, have a number of advantages in stating their case now. The avant-garde (introduced to Britain in 1906 with unfortunate timing for the traditionalist John) is in disarray.

Sexual mores have relaxed, so that John's lifestyle is no longer considered shocking; he had strings of lovers, floating around the domestic core consisting of himself, his wife Ida and his lover, Dorelia. With his death in 1961, the vicarious interest in his bohemian style ceased.

But the obstacles to reinstatement in the Nineties might still outweigh the advantages. John's best work, according to Rebecca John (daughter of Augustus and Ida's conventional son, Caspar) is in museums or private hands. "Nobody seems to be selling," she says. "The occasional good piece does turn up at auction, but on the whole it is second-rate stuff, and it's doing no good to his reputation as an artist." The exhibition shows that, by pursuing a traditional style in his drawings, John restricted his chances of stylistic development. He depended on the capacity of the sitter to fire his work. Judging from the pot-boiler society portraits produced to earn enough to support his burgeoning family, this inspiration was not always guaranteed.

Another problem is that, being a compulsive pencil-wielder, John left thousands of drawings behind, many of which manifest a lack of quality control. That *oeuvre* has swelled further, according to Rebecca John, as a result of profiteers adding the signature "John" to any old sketch by art students from early this century. Miss John goes frequently to Christie's as an advisor, weeding the fakes out.

Surprisingly, the greatest turn-off of all in the present, liberated climate could be the sexual inhibition manifest in the works. For all the legendary freedom of his own lifestyle, Augustus's female subjects are as docile as slaves, their necks demurely bent as though under invisible yokes, their eyes averted.

Ultimately, the main attraction of the works in the exhibition is as illustrations to the real-life soap opera of Augustus John's life. Here is a striking drawing of a sulky Percy Wyndham Lewis, John's avant-garde artist friend, in the first year of their stormy relationship (£30,000). A deft drawing of two unspecified but beautiful John children, a boy and a girl, is for sale at £12,500. A somewhat inept nude influenced by Cranach and El Greco is (surviving members of the family believe) of a teenage Vivien John, now in her seventies. Gwen John, whose introspection was interrupted for a time by her torrid affair with the sculptor Rodin, appears sitting bolt upright in her straw hat, in a tiny sepia ink drawing spotted at a recent auction by Mr Rutherston.

"It was attributed to Augustus, but had been described as 'portrait of a woman'," he says. "I was the only one in the room who realised it was of Gwen." Had it been correctly attributed, he says, it would have been estimated at £5,000 to £8,000. He bought it for less than £1,000.

John himself smoulders in a dramatic etching influenced by Rembrandt, at £10,000. And, last but not least, comes the mysterious Dorelia, his most repeated subject of all, seated (£3,500); in a shawl (£14,000); and reclining (£4,500).

Unless one of the museums with extensive collections of John works (the Tate or Fitzwilliam, for example) takes the initiative to relaunch him with a convincing exhibition, it looks as if Gwen will continue to have the last, exquisite sigh. Her auction record stands at £165,000, while Augustus's is £34,000.

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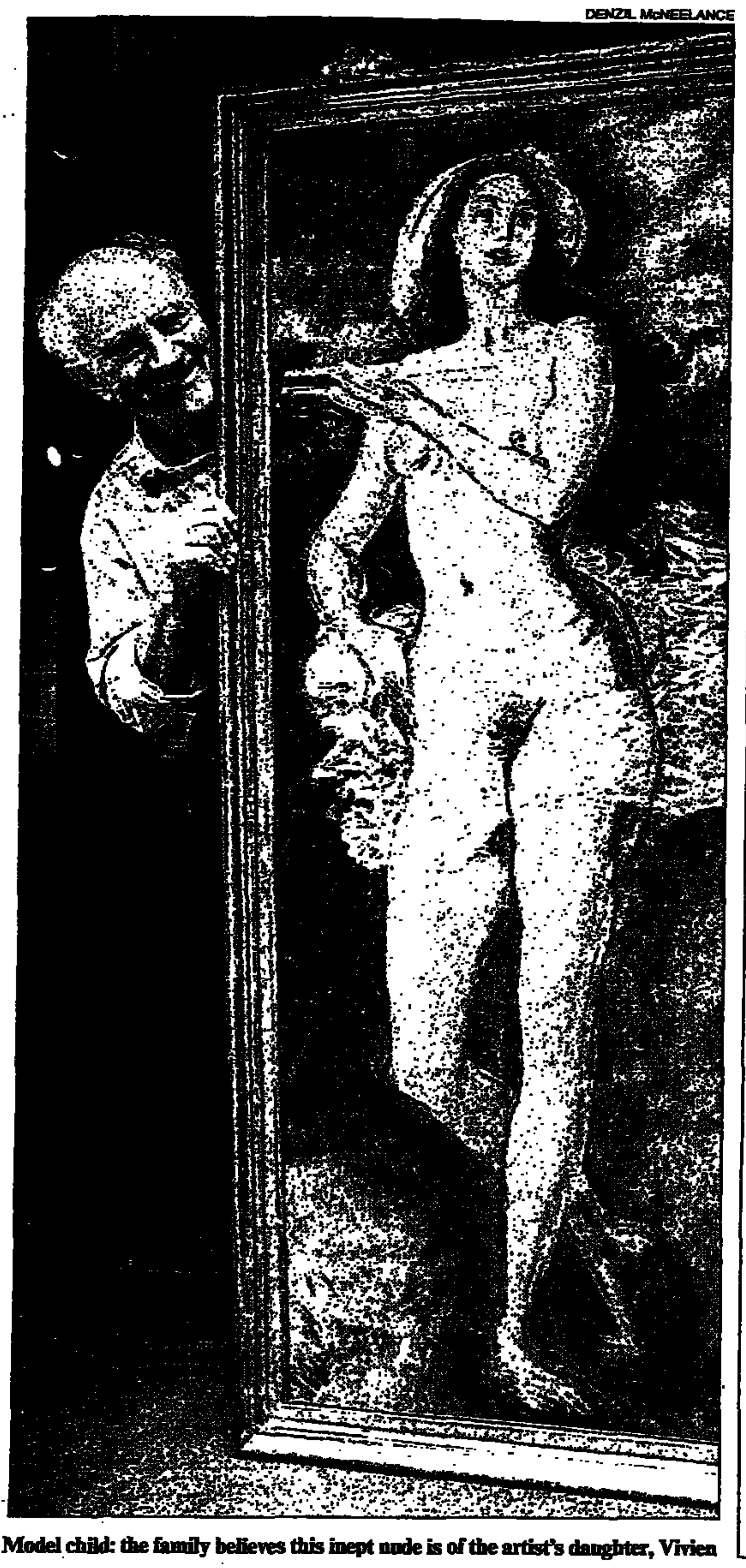


Model child: the family believes this inept nude is of the artist's daughter, Vivien

Saved from the Tower

Review

☐ **Burning issue:** A historic panorama of London looks set to go to the Museum of London following an uproar over Tower Hamlets' plans to sell it. The painting, which was valued at £200,000, was withdrawn from auction at Sotheby's and is now the subject of negotiations. British art performed well this week. An anonymous buyer paid a record £616,000 for a recently discovered drawing of a woman and child by Thomas Gainsborough at Christie's, while at Sotheby's a group portrait, *The Edwards Family on their Terrace in Kensington*, by William Hogarth, raised that artist's record from £260,000 to £401,500.

☐ **Sting:** Some 30 objects, including Chinese bronzes and European porcelain, have been stolen from Sotheby's Black Museum, a reference museum of fakes. Hapless buyers could find themselves in possession of collectables doubly tarnished, being both not what they appear, and devoid of valid title. Had it been genuine, the hoard would have been worth £500,000. It is not clear whether the thieves knew the true nature of their loot. They made a strange selection, in several instances taking only one of a pair of objects. Meanwhile two men are in custody following an operation by the City of London police to retrieve £2 million-worth of paintings stolen in London last month. Forty-eight of 63 works raided by thieves from a Canning Town warehouse, including an important painting by George Stubbs, have been retrieved.

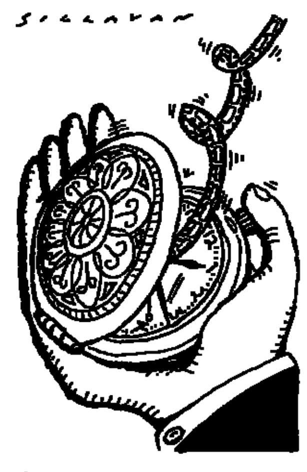
Preview

☐ **Today:** As the auction season draws to a close, Phillips messes about with boats in its annual sale at Henley, 2pm. A 33ft Thames launch is estimated at up to £18,000.

☐ **Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday:** Chester should draw golfers with sales of memorabilia at Sotheby's in Watergate Street on Monday at noon, Phillips on Tuesday at 11am, and, organised by Christie's Scotland, at the Chester International Hotel on Thursday, 11am and 3pm.

☐ **Tuesday:** A good deal of oak among the furniture at Ludlow auctions and also a full-size billiards table, 10.30am. Early English and continental ceramics at Sotheby's, 10.30am and 2.30pm. Christie's sale of cat and dog paintings, 5.30pm.

☐ **Wednesday:** Ceramics and glass at Bearne's in Torquay includes a good collection of English wares, 9.30am. A mixed sale at Dreweatt Neate, of Newbury, includes a collection of 18th century shoes, 10.30am.



☐ **Thursday:** A Georgian ivory toothpick box (up to £180), a ship's barometer (up to £600), and a number of paintings lurk among the furniture in Ewbank's sale at the Hog's Back Hotel, near Guildford, Surrey, 10.30am. Just the thing for a private eye — a "Ticka" pocket watch camera (up to £700) is in Christie's South Kensington photographic sale, 10.30am and 2pm. At Bonham's, also 2pm, a secretaire bookcase attributed to Chippendale.

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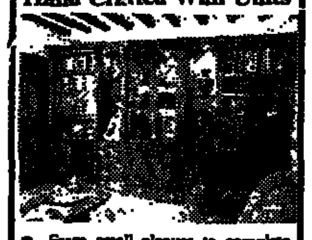

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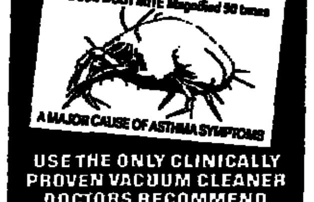

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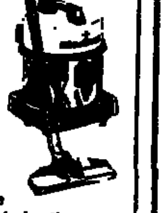

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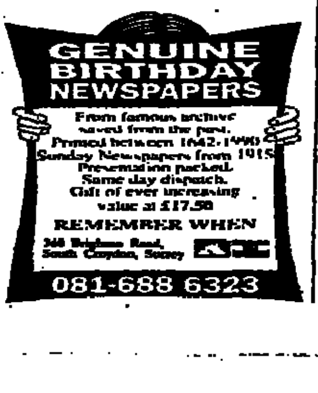

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The swan breathes fresh air

THEATRE

The Seagull
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KEEPING to the symbolism of the aviary, this fine production is Terry Hands's swansong for the Royal Shakespeare Company, where he has worked since 1966 and served for five years as artistic director.

Reviews of its premiere in last year's Stratford season spoke of a jarring harshness in Susan Fleetwood's Arkadina, but she now keeps her tempestuous rage in reserve for Act III. Here she consoles, spits abuse and then weeps beside the stricken Konstantin, turning from the son whose self-respect she has shattered to weave her spell upon Trigorin, whipping her tears into fury, and enveloping the poor fellow in a she-bear's hug.

Half-way through this outburst of furious sobbing a change in tone comes into her voice. She is expressing the panic of a woman whose lover may be leaving her, but the artist in her, the actress, is feeling its way forward again. Like Roger Allam's mellifluous Trigorin noting down little phrases for his stories, she is noticing the sound of her rage. Its timbre may be helpful when she next plays in *La Dame aux Camellias*.

More reserved: Fleetwood

Hands spoke of his satisfaction at giving the play the sort of improvised feel the Swan Theatre allows. Yet it now fits the main house at the Barbican with no sense either of constraint or slackness. Not only the first two acts are set in the open air, but the third also: Chekhov placed this one in a morning room, but it transposes with perfect ease. Only the last act is set indoors, with a colossal flight of windows showing what remains of the abandoned theatre, flapping in the storm outside.

An air of sourness pervades the production, of bitterness rending the heart too savagely for repair to be willingly taken. Against this readiness to accept defeat, Amanda Root's Nina sets herself to fight; and in the moment when she shows us that confident resolve, there is such poignancy, such pluck, that tears start coming to the eyes.

The effect upon Konstantin is, of course, otherwise. Simon Russell Beale has expressed the envy that consumes him in clipped, bitter, short sentences – even the longer ones he breaks into short ones. Now he tears up\his manuscripts, carefully drops his pen into the basket (a nice touch) and leaves the room. A broken man must do what a broken man must do.

JEREMY KINGSTON

Lynne Truss consumes the new sitcoms on television this week, and finds them not much of a feast

Few crumbs from a rich tea fable

Family obsessed: Denis Quilley and Patricia Hodge in banal courtship, with Jean Alexander and Lionel Jeffries

An awkwardly shaped package was posted to me recently, necessitating a special trip to the sorting-office to pick it up. I was surprised to discover that it contained two small packets of Rich Tea biscuits. Gosh, biscuits. I stood in the post office car park, and felt perplexed. People do not send me biscuits usually. Were they from a well-wisher? Or had I, perhaps, somehow attained my lifelong fantasy, and been selected as a judge in a national biscuit standards survey?

But as I trudged the half-mile home, nibbling thoughtfully on the Rich Teas and brushing the crumbs off the front of my anorak, I suddenly realised that there was a much more plausible explanation. The Rich Teas were poisoned; I was the victim of a cunning remote-control murderer (possibly a deranged television executive) who had somehow rightly deduced that, just as a dog will eat a piece of poisoned meat, a couch-potato television reviewer will be unable to resist the offer of a biscuit. The Cookie Murders – it might make a good mini-series.

Later, it became clear that these biscuits were in fact a novelty gift from Yorkshire TV, which was launching its latest David Nobbs sitcom, **Rich Tea and Sympathy**, successor to *A Bit of a Do*. The subtext to this edible missive, presumably, was: "You've eaten the biscuits; now watch the show."

Fair enough. But did they not realise that the Rich Tea is a very plain biscuit? That in every tea-time assortment, in my experience, it is among the last to be taken? The comestible campaign was perhaps misguided. But then I watched the first two episodes, and realised that they were right. "You've eaten the biscuits. You found them bland, flat and dry. *Now* watch the show."

Rich Tea and Sympathy stars Denis Quilley and Patricia Hodge as two middle-aged, northern, single parents who are desperate to have a relationship but are unfortunately like chalk and cheese (imagine watching an hour of chalk and cheese, and you will get the idea). They keep going out to restaurants, and discovering that they have nothing whatever in common. Life, for them, is one constant tiff.

This mutual antipathy is not, however, a guarantee of fine comedy – in fact, one thinks of *The Philadelphia Story*, or even the Dench-Williams sitcom *A Fine Romance*, and weeps. Where other comic battling couples fight tooth and nail against their attraction for each other, George and Julia are forever interrupting their banal arguments to say sappy things such as "I want you", with the opposite of an electrifying effect. "Why don't you get on with it, then?" yells the impatient viewer, suddenly wondering if there is a programme about Gypsy Creams on another channel.

Quilley is George Rudge, a chauvinist Tory biscuit-manufacturer; Hodge is Julia Merrygrove, a strong-minded waspish Labour-supporting personnel manager in the Rudge Brothers biscuit factory. Each is lumbered with a comic household containing lifeless obsessive teenagers and an eccentric Aged Parent with a one-track mind.

This, perhaps, is where the "Sympathy" is supposed to come in. For example, Julia's daughter is preoccupied by prayer ("I shall ask God to forgive you for that," she says), while her mother (Jean Alexander) makes obsessive observations about televised snooker. George's son, an avid football supporter with a medical fetish, reports continually on the most recent news of groin-strains and hamstring injuries from the United hotline, while his father (Lionel Jeffries) talks only of sex.

> *'You've eaten the biscuits. You found them bland, flat and dry. Now watch the show'*

Nobbs is evidently a fan of repetition for comic effect. So am I. At dinner-parties, I will entertain my fellow guests with: "I used to think I was a parrot, but I'm all right now. I used to think I was a parrot, but I'm all right now. I used to think I was a parrot . . . " I can imagine Nobbs doing the same. In *A Bit of a Do*, people kept saying, "Sorry. I shouldn't have said that. Not today" – and it made you laugh.

But the repetitions in *Rich Tea and Sympathy* are rarely funny; they simply beggar belief and numb the brain. Each time George and Julia visit a restaurant, Julia's ex-husband is there, too. Ho ho. Every time they try to kiss, they are interrupted. Each of them lives in a pure sitcom world circumscribed by endless repetition and coincidence. In this, at least, they are made for each other.

This was an uneven week for comedy. On the positive side, last night's BBC 2 pilot episode for **Joking Apart** – about a comedy writer whose marriage collapses under the strain of one-liners – was quite promising, in a self-conscious kind of way; Channel 4's Woody Allen-ish **The Marshall Chronicles** (directed by James Burrows, of *Cheers*) was witty and likeable; and there was a good moment on Channel 4's **The Thing Is . . . Animal** when an iron bar came into contact with Paul Morley's head – unfortunately without any noticeable effect on the stream of gabble issuing from his mouth.

The Old Unstoppable carried right on: "Why am I on a farm? Why are you watching me on a farm? What is 'being'? Do you think I'm ugly?" (Answers: Don't care; don't know; don't ask; yes.) That iron bar failed us dismally. Just think: we were within a hair's breadth of *The Thing Is . . . Head Bandages*, or *The Thing Is . . . Coma*.

On the other hand, the dreary **Singles** (Yorkshire) returned for a new series on Wednesday, thus ensuring a good audience for BBC 2's "Screenplay" season, which is scheduled opposite. **Selling Hitler** (Thames) finished – at last – having sliced the salami wafer-thin over seven weeks. And in the awful cockney driving school sitcom **L on Wheels** (WTV), a new upper-class woman pupil generated lots of aspirate 'ilarity ("Hhhandbrake orff, if you'd bee so kaned"); while the unlovable 'Enry (Andrew Kyle, best known as Sid in *Minder*) continued – against all the viewer's heart-felt prayers – to round off each scene with his immortal line, "Now you're motoring!" (pronounced: "Nah yaw mo'erin").

Lastly, hearing the rumour that the four avant-garde artists attacked and ridiculed in Muriel Gray's acerbic series **Art is Dead . . . Long Live TV** (Channel 4) were not real people, I confess I was irritated. If I confess also that *L on Wheels* (above) is my own invention, I hope you will be irritated too – because the deception is equally pointless and arrogant. Why invent an artist to be rude about? It seems an evasive, even cowardly thing to do. Moreover, by making the high-handed decision to keep the joke strictly private, *Art is Dead . . .* may have succeeded in proving its unexciting thesis – that Rubbish is taken for Art – but in an inappropriate way. The credulity of the *art world* was supposed to be the target, not the credulity of the viewer.

The trouble with hoaxes – from Orson Welles's panic-spreading *War of the Worlds* broadcast to Arena's mild tease, *The Other Graham Greene* – is that they end up carrying only one message: that if you lie to people, they will believe you. There is nothing clever in proving the efficacy of lies.

Top of the tuffs

ROCK

Rebel MC
Waterfront, Norwich

THE art of political oratory may no longer be practised on the campaign trail, but it thrives in rap. While politicians have opted for the sound bite, rappers such as Rebel MC expound lyrically and at length about political injustice. Ideas pour out, bouncing off the beat and propelled by engaging melodic hooks.

Rebel MC is being touted as a key figure in British rap, a claim that is justified by his recent chart success with "Tribal Base", and the earlier "Street Tuff". But between his two biggest hits has been a change of style and content. Out has gone the teenage pleasures; in has come a serious concern with politics. The street is no longer the place for playing tough.

The show begins with the sounds of an arrest. A black youth protests innocence, the policeman mutters racial abuse. This scene prefaces the song "Black Meaning Good". It is a lesson in black rights and an exhortation to engage in positive thinking. Whether he is rapping about black history ("Culture") or poverty ("Word of the Ghetto"), Rebel is an evangelist, convinced of the power of persuasion. Between songs, he talks amiably about how music can unite races.

But for all the political rhetoric, the Rebel MC exudes benign good nature. An almost diffident performer, he happily shares the spotlight with his singers and the DJ, Ron, who turned his record decks into an excitingly articulate instrument.

The music and the performance owe more to the spirit of evangelism than to political realism, but unfortunately the combination of musical fun and earnest concern threatens to become wearing. The heartiness needs to be leavened by some broken-heartedness, some acknowledgement that even positive thinking has limits. Rebel MC, however, is too much the politician to indulge in that.

JOHN STREET

Soldiers' tale of bribes and booze

THEATRE

Gaudeamus
Riverside Studios

MARILYN KINGWILL

Fact and fantasy merge: Maly Drama Theatre's inventive tale of Soviet army life

IMAGINE how an English or American company would treat a tale about the recruit's life in an army unit notorious for the criminals, dropouts and general misfits in its ranks. The creative options would include raw documentary, fierce satire and macho melodrama of the *Dirty Dozen* variety, but nothing like the subversive surrealism of much of *Gaudeamus*, the piece that apprentice actors from the Maly Drama Theatre have brought from Leningrad to London.

Lev Dodin's production is set on a sloping snowscape, stripped of everything but trapdoors into which bony, skinhead boy-soldiers disappear or from which they leap. Characters may one moment be bickering, writing cynical letters, visiting the local brothel or doing some other such realistic thing, and the next be spoofing *Eugene Onegin*, dancing with balloons or wind instruments, or balletically miming sex on top of a piano to the accompaniment of Mozart's Symphony No 40. Fact and fantasy brush, merge and then go their separate ways, on the stage as in the soldiers' disenchanted minds. It is all very Russian, and pretty anti-Soviet.

The programme tells us that the political department of the Soviet army has long been warring against the Sergei Kaledin story from which the cast improvised the play. That is hardly surprising. Indeed, it says much for glasnost that the cast has remained unshot.

Even in this country their counterparts could have expected to be ritually debagged by outraged brigadiers in Whitehall. After all, the show is a non-stop provocation to the military. It does not merely suggest that the regimental banner of the Construction Units should consist of a vodka bottle crossed with an officer's hand reaching out for a bribe: it regards its nation's forces as wonderfully, hilariously incompetent.

First, these troops have never seen a rifle or a firearm of any kind. Second, they have an obsessed commander, interested in nothing except ensuring they lie face downwards when drunk, "so you don't choke on your own vomit". Third, their manuals have clearly been prepared by the Ministry of Silly Walks and its sister departments.

There is a lovely scene in which, having learned how to make themselves look foolish in front of bigwigs, they do a drill reminiscent of Charlie Chaplin imitating a gorilla dancing the rumba. There is a still funnier political lesson in which weightlifters, pretending to be Arabs, mime "the struggle to contain international Zionism in the shape of Israel".

Before long, soldiers are obeying an order to fill matchboxes with Russian faeces, all to the accompaniment of a song popular in the Brezhnev era, "he, you, we, she, we are a friendly family". They are enviously listening to a rendering of "America the Beautiful", and even, God help us, making mild fun of the Great Patriotic War. It is all rather similar to the anti-establishment entertainment popular in this country in the 1960s, but performed by people with physical skills beyond those of the cast of *Beyond the Fringe*. A deliciously iconoclastic evening.

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6.30 That's Showbusiness. Showbiz quiz hosted by Mike Smith. Joining team captains Kenny Everett and Gloria Hunniford this week are comedian Roland Rivron, DJ Chris Tarrant, actress Nicola Pagett and *Coronation Street*'s Barbara Knox. Last in the series (Ceefax)
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7.30 Columbo — Blueprint for Murder. A woman suspects that her former husband has been murdered and persuades the crumpled detective to play a hunch and dig up a huge concrete pylon in the search for the missing body. But Columbo is in trouble when the digging is done and there's still no body. Starring Peter Falk, Janis Paige and Forrest Tucker (r). (Ceefax)
8.45 One Foot In The Grave: Dramatic Fever. Eternal pessimist Victor Meldrew is still busy working on his sitcom script starring *Carry On* star Bernard Bresslaw and serious actress Joan Plowright, while wife Margaret decides to join the local amateur dramatic society. Starring Richard Wilson and Annette Crosbie (r). (Ceefax)
9.15 News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Sport and weather
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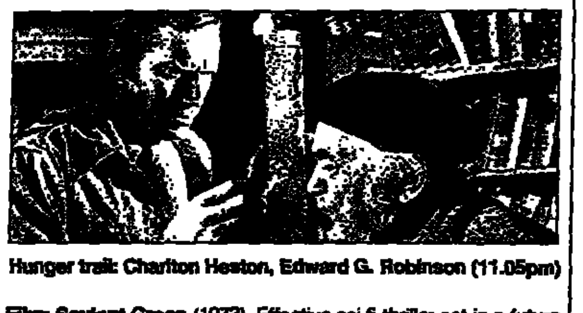

Hunger trail: Charlton Heston, Edward G. Robinson (11.05pm)

11.05 Film: Soylent Green (1973). Effective sci-fi thriller set in a future New York, when the city is a run-down ghetto full of hungry people, subsisting mainly on the synthetic foods produced by the giant Soylent company. Cynical cop (Charlton Heston) starts to investigate the murder of a former Soylent director and starts to smell something nasty. Supporting cast includes veterans Joseph Cotten and, in his last film, Edward G. Robinson. Directed by Richard Fleischer. Northern Ireland: Cricket 11.45-1.15am Film: The Money Movers
12.40am Weather

BBC 2

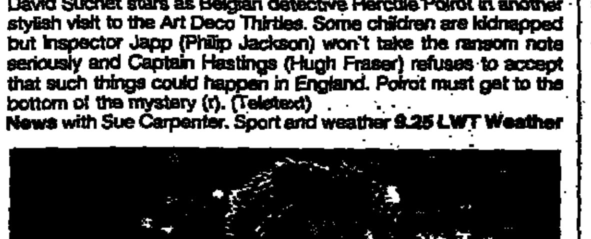
6.45 Open University: Maths — Scalings and Powers **7.15** The Nigerian Civil War **7.40** Statistics — Regression **8.05** Chile in the International System **8.30** The Baby's in your Court **8.55** The Impact of Industrialisation **9.20** Physics — Gaseous Diffusion **9.45** Stowe and Stantonbury **10.10** Nitrate in Drinking Water **10.35** Iron Making and Bridge Building **11.00** Environment — Forest Futures **11.50** Education — Measures of Success **12.15** Cast in the Right Mould **12.40** Looking again at Large Samples **1.05** The Cornflake Story **1.30** Modern Art — Beckmann **1.55** Pieter Bruegel and Popular Culture **2.20** Oceanography — Rockall
2.45 Mahabharat. Episode 54 of the colourful 93-part Indian epic. In Hindi with English subtitles
3.25 The Sky at Night: Saturn the Ringed Planet. Astrology with Patrick Moore, with a look at the latest information on Saturn sent back by spacecraft (r)
3.45 Medical Matters: Mind my Corpuscles. Identifying the white corpuscles in the blood stream
4.00 War and Peace.
● CHOICE: Prokofiev's opera comes live from the Kirov Theatre in Leningrad, in a production by the British director Graham Vick to mark the centenary of the composer's birth. The work was first performed in 1944 and audiences were quick to draw parallels between the Nazi invasion of the Soviet Union and Napoleon's march on Russia as depicted by Tolstoy. Once more the opera is being staged at a time of great Soviet upheaval. The pivotal parts of Prince Andre and the Countess Natasha are sung by Alexander Gergalov and Yelena Prochina and the performance is introduced from London by the bass Robert Lloyd. Last year Lloyd took the title role in another live transmission from the Kirov, Mussorgsky's opera, *Boris Gudonov*. Further Prokofiev programmes planned for BBC2 this year include the little-performed ballet, *The Stone Flower*, and popular works such as the Romeo and Juliet Suite. Simultaneous broadcast on Radio 3

A production of Prokofiev's opera: Graham Vick (4.00pm)

8.30 Bringing It All Back Home: The Strain of the Dance. Further investigations on the influence of Irish music on American musicians. Irish dance music is considered to be at the root of everything from bluegrass to rock. Now a new generation of Irish musicians has been prompted by these styles to explore their own musical roots. Featured artists range from Yehudi Menuhin to Ricky Skaggs
9.25 Video Diaries: Sweet S.A.
● CHOICE: In 1984 Fritz Joubert, the son of an Afrikaaner journalist, refused to be conscripted into the South African Defence Force and fled to Britain. In London he married Jenni, a black fashion designer. His father was appalled. His first reaction was: "How black is she?" His second reaction was to break off all contact. At the end of last year Fritz returned to South Africa, taking Jenni (and a video camera) with him. It was a bold step. He could be arrested and imprisoned and there was no guarantee of a reconciliation with his father. Essentially, though, this is Jenni's story. She finds most of the Cape Town whites friendly and non-racist. But she cannot get a job and has her eyes opened when she leaves the comfortable whites-only suburb to work in a black township. The months go by and there has still been no contact with Fritz's parents. For even the genial Jenni it becomes too much
10.25 News, sport and weather
10.40 Alan Clarke Dramas: Made in Britain.
● CHOICE: Skinhead Trevor, in David Leland's uncompromising drama, is the ultimate fascist thug. He has a swastika tattooed on his forehead, a nasty repertoire of racist abuse and a tendency to erupt into mindless violence. This repellent 16-year-old is nevertheless not without intelligence and Leland's message is that we should not blame Trevor but the brutalising educational system which produced him. *Made in Britain* was first shown on Central Television in 1983 and is being repeated in the season devoted to its director, the late Alan Clarke. Eight years on viewers are unlikely to find the piece any more comfortable or its message less contentious. Giving a performance of loathsome credibility, Tim Roth makes his television debut as Trevor and Eric Richard, now familiar as Sgt Cryer in *The Bill*, plays his social worker. *Made in Britain* won the Prix Italia for international drama
12.00 Cricket: The Benson and Hedges Cup Final. Tony Lewis introduces highlights of today's 55 overs-a-side match between Lancashire and Worcestershire, from Lord's. Ends at **1.00am**

ITV

6.00 TV-am
9.25 Ghost Train. Musical entertainment is provided by London Beat, Kim Appleby and Boy Krazee
11.30 A Beetle Called Derek. Environmental issues explored by Andrea Arnold
12.00 The ITV Chart Show. The *Vintage Video* slot features Dexy's Midnight Runners
1.00 ITN News with Sue Carpenter **1.05 LWT News** and weather
1.10 World Sport Special. Includes Nigel Mansell in action and windsurfing from Curacao and the Dominican Republic **1.45 The Big Fish.** A documentary about a Cayman Islands angling tournament — the Million Dollar Month — in which the blue marlin is the prey
2.45 Film: The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance (1962). The passing of the old west and the arrival of the new forms the central theme of John Ford's rich, elegiac western starring James Stewart and John Wayne. Senator Stoddard (Stewart) and his wife Hallie (Vera Miles) return to the small western town of Shinbone for the funeral of old friend Tom Doniphon (Wayne). Asked why he has come so far to pay tribute to a simple rancher, Stoddard tells of the time he was robbed and beaten by a gunman, Liberty Valance (Lee Marvin). A reworking and undermining of the romantic Western myth which Ford himself in his earlier films did so much to create. Support from the Ford stock company of Edmond O'Brien, Woody Strode, Andy Devine and John Carradine
5.00 News with Sue Carpenter. Weather. **5.05 LWT News** and weather
5.15 MacGyver. Action-packed drama series starring Richard Dean Anderson as American secret agent and science boffin MacGyver
6.15 Bob's Your Uncle. Veteran comic Bob Monkhouse hosts the slapstick game show with newlywed couples
7.00 Stars in Their Eyes. The final of the alleged talent show where members of the public try their skill at impersonation before a studio audience. Hosted by Leslie Crowther
7.40 The Two of Us. Amiable sitcom starring Nicholas Lyndhurst and Janet Dibley as young marrieds. (r). (Oracle)
8.10 Agatha Christies's Poirot: The Adventure of Johnnie Waverly. David Suchet stars as Belgian detective Hercule Poirot in another stylish visit to the Art Deco Thirties. Some children are kidnapped but Inspector Japp (Philip Jackson) won't take the ransom note seriously and Captain Hastings (Hugh Fraser) refuses to accept that such things could happen in England. Poirot must get to the bottom of the mystery (r). (Teletext)
9.10 News with Sue Carpenter. Sport and weather **9.25 LWT Weather**


Graduating to the crime of murder: William Baldwin (9.30pm)

9.30 Film: The Preppie Murder (1989). A made-for-television movie based on the real-life murder of 18-year-old student Jennifer Levin (Lara Flynn Boyle, Donna from *Twin Peaks*) by handsome college student Robert Chambers (William Baldwin). The film highlights the salacious treatment of the case by the American media, whose allegations of "rough sex" attempted to turn the victim into the accused and made a fair trial impossible. At the same time, the film fails to avoid prurience in its own treatment. With Danny Aiello and William Devane. Directed by John Herzfeld
11.20 International Boxing. From Lake Tahoe, Nevada, the heavyweight bout between America's Mike Weaver and Lennox Lewis from Britain. At the ringside are Reg Gutteridge and Jim Watt
11.50 Shaka Zulu. Concluding episode of the worthy but long-winded drama about the 19th century Zulu leader Shaka (Henry Cele). Captain Farewell (Edward Fox) persuades Shaka to allow him to go to the British with a peace plan but it seems that war is inevitable. With Robert Powell and Trevor Howard
1.50am Bhangra Beat. Series focusing on Asian music and social scenes
2.20 Wrestling
3.20 Film: Uncle Benjamin (1969). Heavy-handed French farce set in the late 18th century starring the singer Jacques Brel as Benjamin, a country doctor whom no woman can resist — except the one he loves. Brel is supposed to represent the spirit of free love and revolution, insulting noblemen and seducing their young wives. Directed by Edouard Molinaro, who did much better with *La Cage aux Folles.*
5.00 The Hit Man and Her. Disco sounds introduced by Pete Waterman and Michaela Strachan.
5.30 ITN Morning News with Phil Roman. Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Comic Book. Cartoons **7.00 Crosstalk.** Young people's discussion series **7.30 Pet World** presented by vet John Wilson (r) **8.00 Trans World Sport**
9.00 News summary followed by **Channel 4 Racing: The Morning Line 9.25 Sing and Swing.** Performances by jazz stars of the Thirties and Forties (r)
9.30 A Century of Childhood: Institutions. The eight-part series exploring the changing experience of childhood continues with a look at reformatories and orphanages during the early years of the century. With signing and subtitles (r)
10.00 Check Out 91. Investigative consumer series presented by Mike Embley (r). (Teletext)
10.30 Wagon Train (b/w). Classic Fifties western series. Flint (Robert Horton) kills in self defence and is rescued by the wife of the dead man
11.30 Australian Rules Football. The featured game is Collingwood v the West Coast Eagles
12.30 The Munsters (b/w). Ghoulish comedy from America's most bizarre household (r)
1.00 Film: This Above All (1942, b/w). Romantic wartime flag-waver. Tyrone Power plays an army deserter who falls in love with WAAF Joan Fontaine and decides to prove to her that he is not a coward. Directed by Anatole Litvak
3.05 Channel 4 Racing from York and the Curragh. John Francome introduces live coverage of the 3.10, 3.40, 4.15 and 4.45 from York and the 3.20 (Kildangan Stud Irish Oaks) from the Curragh
5.10 Brookside Omnibus (r). (Teletext)
6.30 Tour de France 1991. The eighth stage — Argentan to Alençon — the longest individual time trial, a distance of 72km. The commentators are Phil Liggett, Paul Sherwen and Gary Imlach
7.00 The World This Week. Includes a preview of next week's economic summit in London; and a report from Peru — is the country heading for a civil war?
8.00 Kingdoms of the East: The Mother Who Never Dies. The wildlife documentary series narrated by Andrew Sachs looks at the archaic animals still found in New Zealand. Millions of years ago the land mass that is New Zealand drifted away from Australia, thus ensuring that the animals that survived on it were isolated from other strands of development. But since Captain Cook landed in New Zealand in 1770, white men have made a disastrous series of plant and animal introductions, all of which have been at the expense of native animals such as the weka, the kaka, the kokako, the tui and the tuatara, said to be the only surviving descendant of the dinosaur (r). (Teletext)

Murderer in suspense: Maurice Ronet is trapped in a lift (9.00pm)

9.00 Film: Lift to the Scaffold (1957, b/w).
● CHOICE: The Louis Malle season continues with his stylish first feature, a thriller about a would-be perfect murder that goes wrong. The material is conventional but the 24-year-old Malle brings it up fresh and handles script and actors with impressive confidence. In Paris Jeanne Moreau is having an affair with a former Indo-Chinese war hero (Maurice Ronet). She urges him to kill her husband, who is also his boss. He does so but is trapped in a lift while escaping from the scene of the crime. Meanwhile, his car and gun are stolen by teenage joyriders who themselves commit murder and, in a Hitchcockian twist, implicate Ronet. Lino Ventura is the police inspector assigned to the case. Henri Decae, the favourite cameraman of the French *nouvelle vague*, provides the fluent photography and Malle's cool, clean style is admirably echoed in the jazz score by Miles Davis
10.45 The Oprah Winfrey Show: Computer Dating. Watch out *Blind Date!* The guests are single people who will be matched up with their "ideal" partners — picked by a computer (r)
11.35 My Brother Tom. Conclusion of the two-part mini-series set in a small Australian township in 1938. Tom Quayle (Tom Jennings) and Peggy McGibbon (Catherine McClements) find their love is threatened by the bitter feud developing between their families (r)
1.25am Tour de France 1991. Repeat of the programme shown at 6.30. Ends at **1.50**

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00am Elephant Boy 6.30 The Flying Kiwi 7.00 Fun Factory 11.00 Danger Bay 11.30 Sha Na Na 12.00 Beyond 2000 1.00pm Combat 2.00 WWF Wrestling Challenge 3.00 Monkey 4.00 Big Hawaii 5.00 240 Robert 6.00 Parker Lewis Can't Lose 6.30 The Addams Family 7.00 T.J. Hooker 8.00 Unsolved Mysteries 9.00 Cops 9.30 Superstars of Wrestling 11.30 Freddy's Nightmares 12.00 The Last Laugh 12.30am Film: Torn Between Two Lovers 2.30 Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. News on the hour.
5.00am Sunrise 5.30 Newsline 9.30 News Dayline 10.30 Health Circuit 11.30 Newsline Weekend 12.30pm Those Were the Days 1.30 Holiday Destinations 2.30 Fashion TV 3.30 Those Were the Days 4.30 Health Circuit 5.00 Live at Five 6.30 Newsline Weekend 7.30 Fashion TV 8.30 Holiday Destinations 10.30 Newsline Weekend 11.30 Fashion TV 12.30am Holiday Destinations 1.30 Newsline Weekend 2.30 Health Circuit 3.30 Target 4.30 Those Were the Days

SKY MOVIES+

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00am Showcase, incl at 7.40 Entertainment Tonight
8.00 The Three Musketeers (1973): Richard Lester's comedy version of Alexandre Dumas's swashbuckling novel. Starring Oliver Reed and Michael York
10.00 Arthur 2: On the Rocks (1988): Arthur (Dudley Moore) loses his fortune and has to earn his living
12.00 California Girls (1985): A young man journeys to California and has an affair with the woman of his dreams. Starring Robbie Benson and Martin Mull
2.00pm Mystery Mansion (1983): The descendants of a pioneer family killed by bank robbers, search for the stolen cache of money
4.00 The Last Best Years (1990): A female executive discovers that she has a terminal illness. Starring Bernadette Peters and Mary Tyler Moore
5.40 Entertainment Tonight
6.00 Leona Helmsley: The Queen of Mean (1990): Portrait of the rise and fall of the eponymous New York real estate mogul. Starring Suzanne Pleshette
8.00 Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure (1989): Two teenagers (Keanu Reeves and Alex Winter) travel back in time and return with notable historical figures to help them pass a history exam
10.00 Parker Kane (1989): Thriller about a private eye who goes undercover to investigate the death of a close friend. Starring Jeff Fahey and Marisa Tomei
11.40 9½ Weeks (1985): The passionate story of an obsessive affair between a broker and an art gallery owner. Starring Mickey Rourke and Kim Basinger
1.45am Physical Evidence (1989): An attorney (Theresa Russell) defends a street cop (Burt Reynolds) on a murder charge
4.00 Major League (1989): Comedy following the fortunes of an inept baseball team which hits a winning streak. Starring Tom Berenger. Ends at 5.45

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.15am Model for Murder (1958, b/w): An American visits England to look for his late brother's girlfriend and becomes involved in a jewel heist. Starring Keith Andes
8.15 Fire and Ice (1983): Animated sword-and-sorcery tale from Ralph Bakshi
9.50 Bonnie Prince Charlie (1948): Historical drama set in 17th century Scotland starring David Niven as the legendary pretender to the throne
12.00 Lawrence of Arabia (1962): David Lean's epic tells, in flashback, the story of the enigmatic British officer (Peter O'Toole)
4.15pm The Return of the Six Million Dollar Man and the Bionic Woman (1987): The leading characters from the two successful television series are reunited by their bionic son. Starring Lee Majors and Lindsay Wagner
6.15 Born Free (1965): The story of Kenyan game wardens Joy and George Adamson as they attempt to raise three lion cubs. Starring Virginia McKenna and Bill Travers
8.15 Summer Heat (1987): A torrid love triangle develops in North Carolina during the Thirties. Starring Lori Singer and Anthony Edwards
9.50 Spotlight
10.15 Pet Sematary (1989): Screen adaptation of Steven King's best-selling novel about a family whose pet cat is killed. Starring Dale Midkiff and Fred Gwynne
12.00 Personal Services (1986): Comedy from *Monty Python*'s Terry Jones inspired by the life of "Madame" Cynthia Payne. Starring Julie Walters
1.45am Da (1989): A young man returns home to Ireland for his father's funeral. Starring Martin Sheen and Barnard Hughes
3.30 Elvira, Mistress of the Dark (1988): Comedy about an outrageous television horror show personality. Starring Elvira (Cassandra Peterson). Ends at 5.05

SKY SPORTS

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
9.15am Primetime Wrestling 10.45 Cricket 7.30pm Motor World 8.00 Australian Rugby League 10.00 Ringside 12.00 Cricket 2.00am Ringside

EUROSPORT

● Via the Astra satellite.
8.00am International Motorsport 9.00 Jumping Falsterbo, part one 10.00 Live Tennis Gstaad 2.00pm Live Cycling Tour de France 4.00 Golf Scottish Open 6.00 Cycling Tour de France Highlights 6.30 International Motorsport 7.30 Tennis Gstaad Highlights 9.15 Golf Scottish Open 11.00 Cycling Tour de France Highlights

SCREENSPORT

● Via the Astra satellite.
7.00am Copa America 1991 8.30 US Grand Prix Show Jumping 9.30 Enduro World Championship 10.00 Motor Sport Nascar 11.00 Motor Sport Indy Car 12.00 Stop-Mud and Monsters 1.00pm Moto News 1.30 Copa America 1991 3.00 Live Horse Racing 3.45 Powersports International 4.45 UK Athletics 6.00 FIA European Rallycross Championships 7.00 Live US PGA Women's Golf Open 8.50 Live Copa America 1991

LIFESTYLE

● Via the Astra satellite.
12.00 Annie Caldey 12.30pm Long John Silver 1.00 The Joan Rivers Show 1.55 The Detectives 2.50 Spain Holiday 3.05 Roller Derby 4.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Programme 8.00 Close 10.00 Satellite Jukebox

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FM Stereo and MW. 4.00am Paul McKenna (FM only until 6.00am) 7.00 The Bruno and Liz Breakfast Show 10.00 Dave Lee Travis 1.00pm Adrian Juste 2.00 Summer XS: Presented by Richard Skinner, Liz Kershaw and Mark Goodier, live from London's Wembley Stadium. Featuring at (2.00) Jellyfish (2.45) Roachford (4.00) Jesus Jones (5.15) Deborah Harry (6.45) Hothouse Flowers (8.30) INXS 10.30 John Peel (FM only after 12.00) (approx time) 2.00-4.00am Nesle James (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. 4.00am Alex Lester: The Early Show 6.00 Graham Knight 8.05 Ronnie Hilton: Sounds of the Fifties 9.00 Brian Matthew: Sounds of the Sixties 10.00 Anne Robinson 12.00 Gerald Harper 1.30pm Jimmy's Cricket Team (r) 2.00 Ed Stewart 4.00 *Acker's Away:* Acker Bilk and the Paramount Jazz Band, with guests Sweet Substitute and the Ralph Laing Quartet 4.30 Raymond Froggatt in Concert 5.00 Cinema 2 with Charles Nove 5.30 The Movie Quiz with Chris Stuart 6.00 Bob Sinfield: Songs for Swinging Villains. Songs about the famous and infamous (3 of 8) (r) 7.00 The A B Seaside Quiz 7.30 Mel Tormé and George Shearing in Concert: An Evening of Excellence 9.30 Easy Does It 10.00 Radio 2 Arts Programme with Sheridan Morley 12.05am Brian Matthew: Sounds of the Sixties (r) 1.00 Patrick Lunt with Night Ride 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music

RADIO 5

6.00am World Service: News and 24 Hours 6.30 Morning Edition, incl at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News; Sport 9.00 On Your Marks 12.00 News and Sport; Sport on 4 Plus 1 (broadcast on Radio 4 at 9.05am) 12.30pm Sportscall: Win two tickets to see England v West Indies in the fourth Test at Edgbaston. Tel: 0345 909 693 1.30 Sport on 5, with Mark Saggers. Cricket: Benson and Hedges Cup final at Lord's between Lancashire and Worcestershire; International Golf: Bell's Scottish Open from Gleneagles; Racing from York: (4.15) John Smith's Magnet Cup from York; Motor Racing: Final practice at Silverstone for the British Formula One Grand Prix, incl at 6.00 News 7.45 As Radio 4 10.00 Sports Bulletin 10.15 As Radio 4 11.00 Sport 11.15 Fanshawe on Five with Simon Fanshawe 12.00-12.15am Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. 5.30am The World Today 5.45 News Headlines in English and French 5.47 British Press Review 5.52 World Business Report 5.57 Travel and Weather News 6.00 Newsdesk 6.30 Londres Matain 6.59 Weather 7.00 Newsdesk 7.30 Meridian 8.00 World News 8.09 24 Hours Live followed by News Summary 8.30 From the Weeklies 8.45 Master Singers 9.00 World News 9.09 Words of Faith 9.15 A Jolly Good Show 10.00 World News 10.05 Waveguide 10.15 Worldbrief 10.30 Personal View 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 News Summary 11.45 Club 648 11.30 Londres Midi 11.45 Mittagsmagazin 12.00 Newsweek 12.30pm Meridian 1.00 World News 1.09 News About Britain 1.15 Multitrack 3 1.45 Sports Roundup 2.00 Newshour 3.00 News Summary 3.01 Sportsworld 4.00 World News 4.15 BBC English 4.30 News and Features in German 4.59 Travel News 5.00 World and British News 5.15 BBC English 5.30 Londres Soir 5.14 Letter from America 6.29 News Summary 6.30 Heute Aktuell 7.54 News in German 8.00 World News 8.15 Londres Dernière 8.30 Club 648 8.45 From the Weeklies 9.00 World News 9.09 Personal View 9.25 Words of Faith 9.30 Meridian 10.00 Newshour 11.00 World News 11.05 Short Story: Ernst Otto Strasse, Number Six 11.20 Jazz for the Asking 11.50 Sports Roundup 12.00 World News 12.05am Words of Faith 12.10 Book Choice 12.15 A Jolly Good Show 1.00 Newsdesk 1.30 The Ken Bruce Show 2.00 News Summary 2.01 Play of the Week: The Quiet American 3.00 Newsdesk 3.30 Talong Issue Around the UK 4.00 World News 4.09 News About Britain 4.15 From Our Own Correspondent 4.35 Write On ... 4.45 News and Features in German

ITV VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 1.10pm National Aerobic Championships 1.40 Brand New Life 2.35 New Candid Camera 3.05 The Lost Hero: Wallenburg 4.50-5.00 Cartoon Time 5.15-6.15 The A-Team 1.50am Pop Profile 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.00 Matlock 4.55 Backstage 5.00-5.30 Charlie Brown

BORDER

As London except: 1.10pm The Silk Road 2.10 The Life and Times of Grizzly Adams 3.05-5.00 Film: The Second Time Around 5.15-6.15 The A-Team 1.50 Madonna 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.00 CinemAttractions 4.30 America's Top Ten 4.55 The Proclaimers 5.05-5.30 Superboy

CENTRAL

As London except: 1.40pm Film: Made in Heaven 3.10-5.00 Film: That Riviera Touch (Eric Morecambe, Ernie Wise) 5.15-6.15 The A-Team 1.50 The Forum Presents: The Preservation Hall Jazz Band 2.45 Friday the 13th 3.40 CinemAttractions 4.10 America's Top Ten 4.40-5.30 Jobs

GRAMPIAN

As London except: 1.10pm Seall 1.40 This is America, Charlie Brown 2.10 Coronation Street 3.05-5.00 Film: Friendly Enemies 5.10 Criomagan 5.15-6.15 The A-Team 1.50 Madonna 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.00 CinemAttractions 4.30 Top Ten 4.55 The Proclaimers 5.05-5.30 Superboy

GRANADA

As London except: 1.10pm Hard Time On Planet Earth 4.50-5.00 Cartoon 5.15-6.15 The A-Team 1.50am Madonna 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.00 CinemAttractions 4.30 America's Top Ten 4.55 The Proclaimers 5.05-5.30 Superboy

HTV WEST

As London except: 1.40pm Film: True as a Turtle 3.30 National Aerobic Championships 4.00-5.00 Golf: The Chrysler Cup 5.15-6.15 The A-Team

SCOTTISH

As London except: 1.10pm Seall 1.40 The Wonderful World of Disney 2.35 The Munsters Today 3.05-5.00 Film: Demetrius and The Gladiators 5.15-6.15 The A-Team 1.50am Friday the 13th 2.45 CinemAttractions 3.15 Film: My Son, My Son! 5.25-5.30 Jobfinder

TSW

As London except: 1.10pm Windsurf 1.40 The South West Week 2.10 The Royal Show 2.40-5.00 Film: The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance 1.50 Madonna 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.00 CinemAttractions 4.30 America's Top Ten 4.55 The Proclaimers 5.05-5.30 Superboy

TVS

As London except: 1.10pm Motorsport Special 1.40 Soccer in the 70s 2.10 The Life and Times of Grizzly Adams 3.05 Cartoon 3.10-5.00 Film: Fathom 5.15-5.45 The A-Team 1.50am America's Top Ten 2.20 CinemAttractions 2.50 Ice Hockey 3.50 Murphy's Law 4.50 Human League 5.00-5.30 Rallycross

TYNE TEES

As London except: 1.10pm Matlock 2.05 Horse Trials 3.05-5.00 McCloud: A Cowboy in Paradise 5.15-6.15 The A-Team 1.50am Madonna 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.00 CinemAttractions 4.30 America's Top Ten 4.55 The Proclaimers 5.05-5.30 Superboy

ULSTER

As London except: 1.10pm Wrestling 1.40 The A-Team 2.40 Skateboard Championship 3.10 Film: The Legend of the Lone Ranger 4.50-5.00 Cartoon Time 5.15-6.15 Highway to Heaven 1.50am Madonna 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.00 CinemAttractions 4.30 America's Top Ten 4.55 The Proclaimers 5.05-5.30 Superboy

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 1.10pm McCloud 2.35-5.00 Film: The Scarlet and the Black 5.15-6.15 The A-Team 1.50am Backstage 2.00 Hit Man and Her 4.00 Special Squad 4.50 Superboy 5.15-5.30 Best in Football

S4C

Starts: 6.00am Comic Book 7.00 Crosstalk 7.30 Pet World 8.00 Trans World Sport 9.00 News summary 9.04 C4 Racing 9.25 Slot Sadwm 11.30 Australian Rules Football 12.30 Kabaddi 1.00 Film: This Above All 3.05 Racing from York and the Curragh 5.10 Brookside 6.30 Tour de France 1991 7.00 Newyddion 8.40 Camlesi Cymru 8.55 Eisteddfod Rhyngwladol Llangollen 1991 10.50 Frank's Place 11.20 Manhattan Cable 12.05-12.55 Oprah Winfrey Show

RTE 1

Starts: 11.30am Rocky Hollow 11.35 Ducktales 12.00 The Minikins 12.30 Storybook International 12.50 Haydaze 1.20 Chips 2.10 News followed by The Disney Hour 3.05 Beyond 2000 3.55 Film: In the Doghouse 5.30 Family Ties 6.00 The Angelus 6.01 News 6.15 All Change 6.40 Tar Amach Faoin Aer 7.10 Star Trek: The Next Generation 8.00 Murphy's Australia 9.00 News 9.20 Frederick Forsyth Presents: The Price of the Bride 11.05 The Lonesome Pine Specials 12.10am News 12.15 Close

NETWORK 2

Starts: 1.35pm News 1.40 Sports Stadium 5.05 World of Audubon 6.00 Death Valley Days 6.30 Dramarama 6.55 Nuachi 7.00 Wings Over the World 8.00 News 8.05 All the Rivers Run 9.05 North View 10.00 Film: The Story of Three Loves 12.15am Close

RADIO 3

6.35-6.55am Open University (FM only): Open Forum — News and Features about the OU
6.55 Weather; News Headlines
7.00 Morning Concert: Rossini (Overture, La scala di seta: Orpheus Chamber Orchestra); Weber (Grand duo concertant: Michael Collins, clarinet. Mikhail Pletnev, piano)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Grieg (Two Elegiac Melodies: Heart's Wounds; Last Spring: Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields under Neville Marriner); Chopin (Three Waltzes: in C sharp minor, Op 64 No 2; in A flat, Op 64 No 3; in A flat, Op 69 No 1: Claudio Arrau, piano); Boyce (Symphony No 1 in B flat: English Concert under Trevor Pinnock); Bach (Brandenburg Concerto No 3 in G, BWV 1048: Academy of Ancient Music under Christopher Hogwood): G.B. Sammartini (Recorder Concerto in F: Ensemble 415 under Chiara Banchini)
8.30 News
8.35 Haydn and Schubert: BBC Philharmonic Orchestra under Hartmut Haenchen performs Haydn (Symphony No 85 in B flat); Schubert (Symphony No 8 in B minor, Unfinished)
9.30 Record Release (FM only from 10.55): Taverner (Ex eius tumba: The Sixteen under Harry Christophers); Haydn (Piano Trio in F sharp minor, H XV 26: Beaux Arts Trio); Strauss (Zueignung; Nichts; Die Nacht; Allerseelen, Op 10: Edita Gruberová, soprano, Friedrich Haider, piano); Bach (Partita in E, BWV 1006: Henryk Szeryng, violin); Bartók (The Wooden Prince, Op 13: Philharmonia under Neeme Järvi)
10.55-7.30pm Cricket Special (MW only): Lancashire v Worcestershire in the Benson and Hedges cup final at Lord's. Commentary by Brian Johnston, Christopher Martin-Jenkins and Jon Agnew. 1.20pm News. 1.25 Cricket Forum. 1.55-7.30 Commentary
11.30 Berlin Radio Symphony Orchestra (FM only) under Serge Baudo; women's voices of the RIAS Chamber Choir perform Berlioz (Overture, Benvenuto Cellini); Dutilleux (Symphony No 2); Debussy (Nocturnes); Ravel (La Valse)
12.55pm Words (FM only): The composer and record producer John Walters reflects on language and its use
1.00 News (FM only)
1.05 Lucia Popp (FM only): The soprano, with Irwin Gage, piano, sings Dvořák (Five Songs, 1888); Mahler (Rheinlegendchen; Ablösung im Sommer; Wo die schönen Trompeten blasen; Wer hat dies Liedlein erdacht? Des Knaben Wunderhorn); Strauss (Himmelsboten; Ein Obdach gegen Sturm und Regen; Morgen!; Wiegenliedchen; Blauer Sommer; In goldener Fülle) (r)
2.05 BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra (FM only) under Mark Wigglesworth, led by Malcolm Layfield, performs Beethoven (Symphony No 4)
2.45 Sviatoslav Richter (FM only): The pianist plays Schubert (Sonata in G, D 894); Schumann (Vier Nachtstücke, Op 23) (r)
4.00 War and Peace (FM only until 7.30): Live from the Kirov Opera House in Leningrad. Valery Gergiev conducts Graham Vick's new production for the Kirov Opera of Sergei Prokofiev's opera in 13 scenes, with libretto by the composer and Mira Mendelson after the novel by Tolstoy. With Alexander Gergalov, baritone, as Prince Andrei Bolkonsky; Yelena Prochina, soprano, as Countess Natasha Rostova; Svetlana Volkova, mezzo-soprano, as Sonya; Yuri Marusin, tenor, as Prince Anatole Kuragin; and Vassily Gerelo, baritone, as Napoleon (simultaneous broadcast with BBC2)
8.30 Jazz Record Requests
9.15 Mozart on Record (r): David Murray considers recordings of the Piano Concerto in E flat, K 271
10.15 Kreutzer String Quartet: Peter Sheppard, violin, Clio Gould, violin, Philip Dukes, viola, Philip Sheppard, cello, perform Haydn (Quartet in G, Op 64 No 4); Hugh Wood (Quartet No 3, Op 20); Beethoven (Quartet in E flat, Op 74) (r)
11.35 Spanish Piano Music: Artur Rubinstein and Alicia de Larrocha, pianos, perform Albéniz (Navarra); Granados (Danzas españolas, Set 1)
12.00 News
12.05am Close

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on FM
5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing, incl 6.03 Weather 6.10 Farming Week 6.50 Prayer for the Day 6.55 Weather 7.00 Today, incl 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 7.55, 8.55 Weather 8.40 Yesterday in Parliament 8.58 Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Sport on 4
9.30 Breakaway: Andrew Sachs and Martin Roberts with an offbeat guide to London
10.00 News; Beachcomber . . . By the Way (new series): Sketches and songs from the humorist J.B. Morton, performed by Richard Ingrams, John Wells, Patricia Routledge and John Sessions (s)
10.30 Families and How to Survive Them: Why Do We Fall in Love? John Cleese and Dr Robin Skynner with the first of six programmes on relationships (s) (r)
11.00 News; The Week in Westminster, with Peter Jenkins, associate editor of *The Independent*
11.30 Europhile: Gordon Clough looks behind the headlines in the European papers
12.00 Money Box Moneycheck: The *Money Box* team dispenses financial advice at Southampton General Hospital (s)
12.25pm I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue: Humphrey Lyttelton chairs the classic panel game (s) 12.55 Weather
1.00 News
1.10 Any Questions? Jonathan Dimbleby is joined in Cheltenham by John Biffen, MP, Edward Pearce, Baroness Seear and Dennis Skinner, MP (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Any Answers? 071-580 4411. Listeners can ring Jonathan Dimbleby with their view on the issues raised in *Any Questions?*
2.30 Saturday Playhouse: Last Call. David Calder stars in Geraldine McCaughrean's play set on a trawler sailing in dangerous seas (s)
4.00 Musician at Large: Those Damned Dots. Steve Race celebrates 50 years as a broadcaster (s) (r)
4.30 Science Now, with Peter Evans
5.00 Conversation Piece: Sue MacGregor talks with the Rt Rev Simon Barrington-Ward, Bishop of Coventry (r)
5.25 Little Blighty on the Down: Comedy about the topical events in a small village (s) (r) 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News; Sports Round-Up
6.25 Citizens: Omnibus edition
7.10 Ad Lib: Robert Robinson eavesdrops on conversations around the country
7.45 Classic Serial: Sense and Sensibility. Fourth and final part of an adaptation of Jane Austen's novel (s)
8.45 Kaleidoscope: Hockney in California
● CHOICE: During Roger Fenby's interview with David Hockney in his California mountain retreat, no medical evidence is sought, or offered, to establish a link between the fact that the painter has now grown slightly deaf and his habit of driving through the desert with Wagner blasting through the 12 speakers in his car. Fenby is equally non-persistent when the conversation touches on the erotic. Hockney says the reason he was attracted to California more than 20 years ago was that the climate was "sexy", but he sounds disinclined to discuss the point in any detail when Fenby asks him if the movement of pencil on paper could be interpreted as a surrogate caress
9.15 Music in Mind (s)
9.50 Ten to Ten (s) 9.59 Weather
10.00 News
10.15 Open Mind: Andrew Marr chairs a discussion
10.45 The Great Bike Race: Les Woodland tells the history of the Tour de France (s) (r)
11.00 The Tingle Factor: Beryl Bainbridge (s) (r)
11.30 Edinburgh '90: A View from the Fringe. The first of a two-part look at last year's festival (s)
12.00-12.30am News, incl 12.20 Weather 12.33 Shipping

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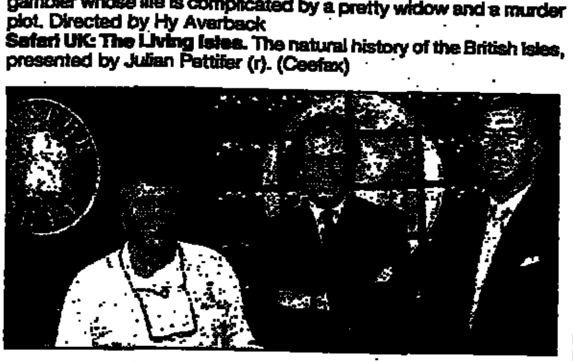
3.45 **Open University.** Ends at 8.50
3.55 **Playdays** (r) **9.15 Movable Feasts.** Children's multi-faith drama-documentary series (r)
9.30 **This Is The Day.** Norma Craddock meets Margaret and John Hilleard to find out what has kept their relationship together when only a year ago they were considering divorce
0.00 **Film: Gulliver's Travels** (1939). So-so animated film adapted from Jonathan Swift's classic story. Directed by Dave Fleischer. Wales (to 12.25pm): Tall Ships Race '91 **11.15 Tom and Jerry Double Bill**
1.30 **Llangollen '91.** Tony Lewis, Elin Rhys and Shruti Pankaj introduce highlights of the 45th International Musical Eisteddfod
2.05 **Sign Extra: Bazaar.** A visit to Fatfield in Tyne and Wear, where the whole village went on a diet (subtitled) (sign language)
2.30 **Country File.** John Craven introduces a report on famine in Africa, and examines how the agricultural system of the West has contributed to the plight of the third world farmer. Wales: 12.25 Llangollen '91 **12.55 Weather**
1.00 **News** followed by **The Curious Cat.** A glimpse into the private world of four cats, narrated by Eleonor Bron (r) **2.00 EastEnders** (r). (Ceefax)
3.00 **Dallas.** Carter McKay's alibi for the murder of Johnny Danzig appears to be crumbling. Postponed from last Sunday. (Ceefax)
3.45 **Film: Young Maverick** (1981). Made-for-television comedy western starring Charles Frank as Ben Maverick, a carefree gambler whose life is complicated by a pretty widow and a murder plot. Directed by Hy Averback
5.10 **Safari UK: The Living Isles.** The natural history of the British Isles, presented by Julian Pettifer (r). (Ceefax)



Final culinary judgement: Roux, Grossman, Conran (5.50pm)

.50 **Masterchef.**

● CHOICE: The search for Britain's best amateur cook reaches its climax in mouth-watering spreads concocted by the three women finalists. The tension of the occasion may have got to host Loyd Grossman, whose vowels sound less eccentric than usual, although he still says "wonderful" about every 20 seconds. Helping him to judge are Albert Roux, of the Roux brothers comedy double act, and Sir Terence Conran. Having last time dismissed a table setting as "awfully girly", Sir Terence may consider himself lucky to be asked back. If not as gripping as *Mastermind*, from which it pinched its title, *Masterchef* is still irresistibly watchable. If we cannot taste the food, at least we can admire the extraordinary colours. Jo with her John Dory, wild boar and pear gratin is up against Amita (crab and ginger wontons, calves' liver and zabaglione) and Sue (smoked salmon pancakes, noisettes of lamb and chocolate marquise). (Ceefax)

.25 **News** with Moira Stuart. Weather
.40 **Titchmarsh's Travels.** Alan Titchmarsh journeys through South Wales to St David's Cathedral where the bones of the patron saint of Wales are enshrined. (Ceefax)
.15 **Butterflies.** Carla Lane's bitter-sweet sitcom about the mid-life crisis of a suburban housewife, starring Wendy Craig (r). (Ceefax)
.45 **Around the World in 80 Days.** Repeat of the addictive series in which actor and writer Michael Palin attempts to retrace the fictional journey made by Phileas Fogg in Jules Verne's classic story (r)
1.35 **Film: Three Amigos** (1986). Feeble one-joke Western parody starring Steve Martin, Chevy Chase and Martin Short. Three silent screen western heroes are hired to make an appearance in a Mexican village and are horrified to discover the locals really want them to see off of an evil bandit chief. Directed by John Landis
1.15 **News** with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Weather
1.30 **Heart of the Matter: Birth Rites?** Joan Bakewell talks to priests and parents and asks whether baptism should be reserved solely for the children of believers. (Ceefax). Wales: Tall Ships Race '91 11.00 Heart of the Matter
.05 **The Days and Nights of Molly Dodd.** Molly is confronted by her past and wonders whether her future should include a job in publishing. (Previously scheduled for July 7)
.30 **Making Their Mark.** Artist Roy Marsden talks about his drawing (r). Wales: 11.35 The Days and Nights of Molly Dodd.
.00 **Mahabharat.** Episode 54 (r) Wales: Making their Mark. 12.30 Mahabharat
.40am **Weather.** Wales: 1.10 News and weather

BBC2

6.35 **Open University:** Pieter Bruegel and Popular Culture **7.00** Periodicity and the Lithium Row **7.25** The Marriage of Figaro **7.50** A Matter of Geometry **8.15** Structural Components **8.40** The Romans in France **9.05** Social Science Foundation Course **9.55** The Leathert Collection **10.20** Floating an Integral **10.45** Maths — Scalings and Powers **11.10** Why Protect the Past? **11.35** Science — Fires of Life
12.00 **Regional Parliamentary Programmes**
12.30 **Scrutiny.** Iain MacWhirter reports on parliamentary committees. (Ceefax)
1.00 **Open University:** Cast in the Right Mould
1.25 **Sunday Grandstand** introduced by Steve Rider. The line-up is (subject to alteration) **1.30** and **5.00** Motor Racing: the British Grand Prix from Silverstone. The commentators are Murray Walker, James Hunt and Jonathan Palmer; **4.00** and **6.00** Athletics: the Ron Pickering Memorial Games from Haringey. Commentary by David Coleman, Stuart Storey and Paul Dickenson
6.30 **One Man and his Dog.** A new series of the shepherd skills contest, with Phil Drabble explaining the ins and outs of controlling dogs and sheep. Today's setting is the Lake District but the competitors all come from Wales. Roy Ollerenshaw provides the commentary
7.15 **Wildlife Classics: Kingdom of the Ice Bear — The Frozen Ocean.** A series of repeated wildlife documentaries opens with an Emmy-winning film shot at the North Pole. The producer and cameraman team of Mike Salisbury and Hugh Miles spent two years living in the Arctic gathering footage of polar bears and other large animals to chronicle life in one of the planet's last untouched wildernesses. The first of the three films follows the fortunes of three polar bear cubs as they venture out away from their mother, as well as showing what their fathers get up to in the wilds (r)
8.10 **The Redemption Song: Paradise Lost.** Stuart Hall's exploration of the Caribbean arrives in the Dominican Republic, once part of the Spanish empire, now an impoverished country with little hope of a way up and out for the people. The only chance is on the baseball diamonds of the United States, or on another island, which means running the risk of sharks and pirates in an open boat. (Ceefax)

Uncompromising: Michael Pennington as Jagerstatter (9.00pm)

9.00 **In My Defence: Neither Prison nor Chains.**

● CHOICE: Franz Jagerstatter may be less known than the other subjects of Jack Emery's strong series, but his testament is just as powerful. An Austrian Catholic, Jagerstatter was one of the handful of his countrymen to vote against annexation by Hitler. Later he refused to be called up for military service. For this crime he was imprisoned and beheaded by the nazis. Emery's script is based on the apologia written from his prison cell to his wife and three daughters. Jagerstatter was a man of unshakeable Christian faith who refused to compromise with the alternative religion of nazism. This overrode everything, even saving himself for his family. But, as he wrote to them, the sorrows of this world are short-lived. The piece is movingly performed by Michael Pennington, who rarely raises his voice above a strong whisper, and the director, Ronald Eyre, makes skilful use of the single set. (Ceefax)

9.30 **British Grand Prix.** Highlights of today's race from Silverstone
10.15 **Moviedrome.** Alex Cox introduces **At Close Range** (1986), a typically Eighties tale of glitzy seediness. When a teenager is thrown out of home by his mother's lover, he goes in search of his father, recently returned to town, rich and mysterious. Starring Christopher Walken, Mary Stuart Masterton and the then Brat-packers Sean Penn and Kiefer Sutherland. Directed by Madonna's video maker James Foley, who was also responsible for the awful *Who's that Girl?* (Ceefax). Ends at **12.15am**

ITV

6.00 **TV-am**
9.25 **Film: Sleeping Beauty** (1984). Patchy Czechoslovakian version of the Charles Perrault and Brothers Grimm classic tale. Starring Danka Dinková and Gedeon Burkhard. Directed by Stanislav Parnicky
10.45 **Link.** A profile of the percussionist Evelyn Glennie, who is profoundly deaf
11.00 **Morning Worship** from Westbury on Trym Baptist Church
12.00 **Heartland.** A feature on Father Padraig Standun, a parish priest living on Inishmaan, an island off the west coast of Ireland
12.25 **Way of the Lakes.** The first of six programmes devoted to the Lake District, presented by Tony Warburton (r) **12.55 LWT News** and weather
1.00 **News** with Sue Carpenter. Weather
1.10 **International Rugby Union.** Highlights of Argentina v New Zealand in Buenos Aires. Followed by **The Day**
2.10 **Film: Beau Brummell** (1954). Stodgy period drama about the life and times of the Regency dandy (Stewart Granger). Elizabeth Taylor looks decorative but Peter Ustinov and Robert Morley steal most of their scenes. Directed by Curtis Bernhardt
4.10 **Film: The Spanish Gardener** (1956). An intelligent and sensitive adaptation of the novel by A.J. Cronin. Harrington Brande (Michael Hordern) is a British diplomat, separated from his wife and embittered by his lack of promotion, who is posted to a small port in Spain along with his shy young son Nicholas (Jon Whiteley). Jose (Dirk Bogarde) is the gardener and, with Nicholas being left alone for much of the day, the two become close friends. Directed by Philip Leacock
6.00 **City Safari: Island in the City.** Second of six documentaries on how wildlife survives in the capital (r)
6.30 **News** with Sue Carpenter. Weather **6.35 LWT News** and weather
6.40 **Castle's Abroad.** Roy Castle visits Bruges in Belgium. (Oracle)
7.15 **Trouble in Mind: In the Heat of the Afternoon.** Last episode of the tepid sitcom starring Richard O'Sullivan and Susan Penhaligon as a psychiatrist and his wife. (Oracle)
7.45 **Father Dowling Investigates: The Man Who Came to Dinner Mystery.** Another murder mystery for Chicago parish priest Father Frank Dowling (Tom Bosley) and his assistant, the wild-eyed Sister Steve (Tracy Nelson). (Oracle)
8.40 **News** with Sue Carpenter. Weather **9.00 LWT Weather**

A sinister government agent: Kenneth Cranham (9.05pm)

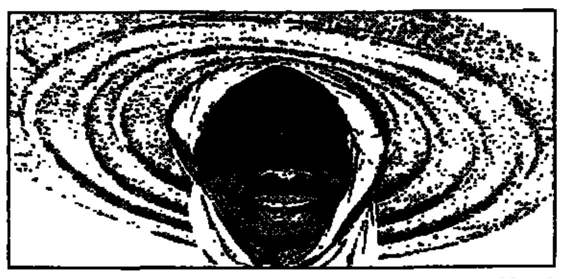
9.05 **Chimera.**

● CHOICE: Stephen Gallagher's genetic engineering thriller moves crisply into its second episode, cleverly teasing us with questions and making us want to stay on to hear the answers. Why does the "baby farm" mysteriously gutted by fire contain chimpanzees and dead rats? Why are the police dismissed from the case by an agent from Whitehall (Kenneth Cranham) and replaced by the army? Why is the only survivor of the tragedy (Christine Kavanagh) unwilling to speak out? Is the investigating journalist (John Lynch) right to suspect that the victims were killed not by the fire itself but something more sinister? The clues are there for the taking but Gallagher is rightly determined not to reveal too much too soon. *Chimera* continues to show every sign of being a thriller that knows exactly what it is doing. (Teletext)

10.05 **The Dame Edna Experience.** The gladioli-obsessed Australian megastar mixes Glenys Kinnock with Tim Pigott-Smith, Malcolm McDowell, Antony Sher, Jason Donovan, Michael Gambon and David Suchet (r)
11.05 **Summer on the Estate.** A series following the tenants of the Kingshold Estate in Hackney throughout the summer of 1990
11.40 **The ITV Chart Show** (r)
12.40am **New Music.** More celebrity interviews and pop videos
1.40 **Derrick.** German police drama series starring Horst Tappert
2.50 **Pick of the Week.** Highlights from the regions
3.30 **Film: Johnny Apollo** (1940, b/w). Routine crime melodrama from Henry Hathaway, chiefly known as a director of Westerns. When his father is convicted of embezzlement, Bob Cain Jr (Tyrone Power) assumes the alias of "Johnny Apollo" and begins working for gangster Mickey Dwyer (Lloyd Nolan) to raise enough money to free him
4.55 **The Magic Wok.** More Chinese culinary delights
5.30 **ITN Morning News.** Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

6.00 **Trans World Sport** (r) **7.00 Eureeka's Castle 7.30 Alfred J. Kwak 8.00 Sharky and George 8.30 Raiders of the South Seas.** Children's drama series **8.55 Kid 'n' Play.** The animated adventures of two characters from the film *House Party*
9.25 **The Sword of Tipu Sultan.** Indian drama series set in the state of Mysore during the 18th century. English subtitles
10.00 **A Week in Politics — Second Reading.** Includes former Tory defence minister John Wilkinson on the government defence cuts; and a discussion about the inadequacies of the voting system
10.45 **Dennis.** Cartoon about a mischievous young tearaway
11.00 **The Beverly Hillbillies** (b/w) **11.30 The Lone Ranger** (b/w) **12.00 The Waltons 1.00 Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea** (b/w). Vintage American science-fiction set beneath the oceans
2.00 **Film: Cabin in the Sky** (1943, b/w). An entertaining all-black musical based on the Faust legend which marked the directing debut of Vincente Minnelli. A ne'er-do-well gambler (Eddie Anderson) is fatally stabbed during a crap game. However, his wife (Ethel Waters) prays so hard that the Lord offers Anderson six months grace in which to redeem himself. The Lord's General (Kenneth Spencer) and Lucifer Jr (Rex Ingram) then battle for Anderson's soul. The musical numbers (with choreography by an uncredited Busby Berkeley) are a treat and appearances by Louis Armstrong and Duke Ellington a happy bonus
3.50 **A Sense of Responsibility.** An animated short promoting pit safety, made for the Coal Board
3.55 **The Best of For Love or Money.** Updated highlights of the art and antiques collecting show
4.25 **Pursuit of Power.** Adam Raphael interviews Gordon Brown, shadow trade and industry secretary, about his personal beliefs and values
4.55 **News** summary and weather followed by **Family Pride.** Birmingham-set soap about three Asian families
5.30 **Tour de France 1991.** Highlights of the ninth stage from Alençon to Rennes — a distance of 164km
6.30 **The Cosby Show.** Award-winning American sitcom following the lives of the Huxtable family.



Watching Mali's waters ebb: a nomad tribesman (7.00pm)

7.00 **Fragile Earth: Rivers of Sand.**

● CHOICE: A fresh slant on the starving millions of Africa is offered in a revealing report from Mali. There is one huge natural resource, the Niger river, but elsewhere fierce droughts, over-grazing and famine have brought the country to the edge of disaster. The "rivers of sand" from the encroaching Sahara desert threaten houses, communities and livelihoods. Particularly vulnerable is an inland delta, the size of The Netherlands. Traditionally it has provided an abundance of fish, rich pasture for cattle and a haven for some 350 species of birds. Now it could be turned into a dust bowl. Bruno Sorrentino's film charts Mali's plight in graphic first-hand accounts and splendid photography. It also homes in on one of the many foreign aid projects, an ambitious scheme to bring the waters flooding back into Lake Fagubine, once the biggest lake in west Africa but gradually emptied during two decades of drought. (Teletext)

8.00 **Time Signs.** A series tracing the history of Wolf Valley in Devon. Recent archaeological studies have revealed that the area's farming community dates back to Neolithic times
8.30 **A Sense of Belonging: Exodus.** An examination of the Jewish community in Britain. This programme focuses on the themes of liberation inherent in the spring festival of Passover and examines various forms of renewal of Jewish life in Britain over the past 20 years — in education, culture, politics and religion
9.30 **Go Fishing.** Angler John Wilson visits Lake Victoria in Kenya looking for Nile perch
10.00 **G.B.H: Message Understood.** The penultimate episode of Alan Bleasdale's compelling drama, starring Robert Lindsay and Michael Palin (r). (Teletext)
11.30 **The Street: Best Wishes.** Realistic and at times disturbing police show following the four New Jersey officers who share car 260. Scott (Michael Beach) and Runyon (Ron Ryan) appear on a chat show to refute accusations made by a reporter that they are overpaid, sexist pigs
11.55 **Town and Country** featuring Canadian singer k.d. Lang
12.55am **Tour de France.** A repeat of the programme shown at 5.30. Ends at 1.55

ITV VARIATIONS

GLIA

London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Farming y 2.05 Members Only 2.30 UK Mountain Challenge 3.30 Film: Floods of Fear Hard Time on Planet Earth 6.00-6.30 loom 10.55 John Constable 11.55 Film: roid 1.25 CinemAttraction 1.55 Film: e Cannon 3.30 Vivid 4.00 America's Top 4.30-5.30 The Silk Road II

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London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Garden-Time 2.05 Cartoon Time 2.15 Heidi 2.45 Cloud: The Man with the Golden Hat 4.35 at British Isles 5.05 Family Theatre 6.00-0 The River Thames 10.55 Prisoner: Cell ck H 11.50 Alfred Hitchcock Presents 20 Quiz Night 12.45 The Allen Years 1.45 : The Caine Mutiny 4.05 The ITV Chart w 4.55-5.30 Jobfinder

ENTRAL

London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Garden-Time 1.05 Skating 3.00 Film: The Girl, Gold Watch & Dynamite 4.50 Cartoon e 5.00 Hard Time on Planet Earth 6.00-0 Wheel of Fortune 10.55 Film: Love y Neighbour 12.30 Prisoner: Cell Block 1.25 The Forum Presents: Maynard rguson 2.25 Blowout at Crazy Horse 5 The ITV Chart Show 4.30-5.30 Central bfinder '91

GRANADA

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Jack Thompson Down Under 2.05 Santa Barbara 3.00 Film: The Dolly Sisters 5.05 Bullseye 5.35-6.30 Coronation Street 10.55 Prisoner: Cell Block H 11.50 Married...with Children 12.20 Quiz Night 12.45 The Allen Years 1.45 Film: The Caine Mutiny 4.05 The ITV Chart Show 4.55-5.30 Jobfinder

HTV WEST

As London except: 12.30-m-1.00 West Country Farming 1.10 Georges Bizet 2.00 People On Sunday 2.30 HTV Newsweek 3.00 International Rugby Union 3.55 Film: The Pleasure of His Company 6.00-6.30 Getting Them Early 10.55 Great British Isles 11.25-11.40 Ski with Klammer

HTV WALES

As HTV West except: 12.30pm-1.00 Survival — The First 30 Years 1.10 The 1991 Cutty Sark Tall Ships Race 1.50 Rugby: Argentina v New Zealand 2.45 Cutty Sark Tall Ships Race 6.00-6.30 Wales on Sunday

TSW

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 TSW Farming Week 2.05 Coronation Street 3.00 Hard Time on Planet Earth 3.55 Film: Hour of Decision 5.30 The TSW Documentary: Written in the Stars 6.00-6.30 Coach 10.55 Philip Marlowe: Private Eye 11.50 On the Live Side 12.20 Quiz Night 12.45 The Allen Years 1.45 Film: The Caine Mutiny 4.05 The ITV Chart Show 4.55-5.30 Jobfinder

TVS

As London except: 12.30pm News followed by Agenda 2.05 The Wonderful World of Disney 3.00 Film: Beau Brummell 5.00 My Secret Identity 5.30 Heirloom 6.00-6.30 Tell the Truth 10.55 The Human Factor 11.25 Up The Junction 12.10 The ITV Chart Show 1.10 Film: The Black Rose 3.30 Pick of the Week 4.00 The Hit Man and Her 5.00-5.30 A Taste of the South

TYNE TEES

As London except: 12.25pm-1.00 Land of the Dragon 2.05 Highway to Heaven 3.05 Cutty Sark Tall Ships Race 5.05 Bullseye 5.35-6.30 Coronation Street 10.55 Prisoner: Cell Block H 11.50 Coach 12.10 Quiz Night 12.45 The Allen Years 1.45 Film: The Caine Mutiny 4.05 The ITV Chart Show 5.00-5.30 Jobfinder

ULSTER

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Gardening Time 2.00 The Highland Cross '91 3.00 The Isle of Man TT 4.35 Twelfth Report 5.05 Bullseye 5.35-6.00 Coronation Street 10.55 Prisoner: Cell Block H 11.55 Alfred Hitchcock Presents 12.20 Quiz Night 12.45 The Allen Years 1.45 Film: The Caine Mutiny (Humphrey Bogart, Jose Ferrer, Van Johnson) 4.05 The ITV Chart Show 4.55-5.30 Jobfinder

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 12.45pm Heidi in the Mountains 12.50-1.00 Calendar News 1.10 Wonderful World of Disney 2.10 Rugby Union 3.05 Film: The War Lover* (Steve McQueen, Robert Wagner) 5.05 The Last Frontier 6.00-6.30 The River Thames 10.55 Alfred Hitchcock Presents 11.20 The World Student Games 12.10 Pick of the Week 12.40 The Twilight Zone 1.35 The ITV Chart Show 2.35 The Shakespeare Trilogy 3.05 Legends of Malibu 4.00 Short Story Theatre 4.30-5.30 Jobfinder

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Starts: 6.00am Trans World Sport 7.00 Eureeka's Castle 76.30 Alfred J Kwak 8.00 Sharkey and George 8.30 Raiders of the South Seas 8.55 Kid 'n' Play 9.25 Listening Eye 10.00 A Week in Politics — Second Reading 10.45 Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea* 11.45 Painted Tales 12.00 The Waltons 12.55 The Three Stooges 1.15 O Bedwar Ban 1.30 Europa Express 2.00 Fragile Earth 3.00 Adventures 4.00 Film: Kid Glove Killer* (Van Heflin, Marsha Hunt) 5.25 Sense of Responsibility 5.30 Tour de France 1991 6.30 Fflurina 6.45 San Steffan 7.05 Newyddion 7.10 O Vaughan I Fymwy 8.00 Hel Straeon 8.30 Datganiad 9.00 Gornest Yr Hwiliau 9.25 Ar Derfyn Dydd 9.30 Just for Laughs 10.00 GBH 11.30 The Street 11.55 Town and Country 12.55 Tour de France 1.55 Diwedd

RADIO 3

.35-6.55am Open University (FM only) 6.55 Weather
.00 Morning Concert: Bach (Oboe d'amore Concerto); Schubert (Das Rosenband, D 280); Beethoven (Romance in F, Op 50) 7.30 News
.35 Morning Concert (cont): Barber (Summer Music); Nielsen (Little Suite, Op 1); Albéniz, arr Halffter (Rapsodia española); Bernstein (Prelude, Fugue and Riffs) 8.30 News
.35 Maestro de' Concerti: Vivaldi (Concerto in D, RV 95, La pastorella; Cantata, All' ombra di sospetto, RV 678; Concerto in G, RV 151, Alla rustica; Concerto in D, RV 90, Il gardellino)
.15 Walter Klien: The pianist plays Haydn (Piano Sonata in C, H XVI 35); Mozart (Violin Sonata in B flat, K 378); Brahms (Ballades, Op 10, Nos 3 and 4); Dvořák (Slavonic Dances, Op 46, Nos 4, 5 and 6)
1.15 Music Weekly: Music in a Changed Europe. Peter Paul Nash meets members of the Chamber Orchestra of Europe
1.00 A Modest Profession: The conductor Antal Dorati's orchestral recordings. LSO performs Mussorgsky (A Night on the Bare Mountain); Respighi (Suite, The Birds); Prokofiev (Scythian Suite); Bruch (Kol Nidrei: with Janos Starker, cello); Stravinsky (The Firebird)
2.45pm Table Talk

● CHOICE: Medieval cookery writer Maggie Black, picnicking 11th century-style with Leslie Forbes in Surrey's Richmond Park, serves cold perch (tench being unobtainable), quail, meat balls decorated with thyme flowers, potage so thick a spoon can stand up in it, barley bread, and a spicy wine called hypocras. Hats are *de rigueur*, to stop nits falling into the potage. Scratching certain parts of the anatomy during the meal is frowned on since fingers dip into a communal bowl. This simulated medieval feast, broadcast at Sunday lunchtime, should make even roast beef and Yorkshire pudding look humdrum

1.00 News
1.05 Your Concert Choice: de Lisle, arr Berlioz (La Marseillaise); Francoeur (Suite for the King's Table, excerpt); Tournemire, transc Duruflé (Improvisation on Victimae paschali); Tailleferre (Harp Sonata); Hahn (Venezia); Massenet (Piano Concerto in E flat)
2.30 Czech Piano Music: The pianist Malcolm Binns plays Dvořák (Theme and Variations in A flat, Op 36); Janáček (In the Mists); Smetana (Five Czech Dances, Set 2)
3.25 London Handel Festival: London Handel Orchestra under Denys Darlow performs Handel (Overture, Atlanta; Cantata, Diana Cacciatrice); Chilcot (Harpsichord Concerto in F, Op 2 No 5). 3.55 Peter Paul Nash and Stanley Sadie discuss plans for a museum in Handel's former home (r). 4.00 Telemann (Concerto in A, Tafelmusik I); Handel (Cantata, O come chiare e belle)
5.00 Soundings: Paradise or Barracks? Michael Oliver visits the Villa Medici and investigates the phenomenon of the Prix de Rome
6.00 Cheltenham Festival Service: Looking Upwards. Fr Cormac Rigby introduces a sequence of words and music from St Gregory's Church, Cheltenham, as part of last week's *Radio Goes to Town*
7.05 Franz Krommer (Flute Quartet in F, Op 17: Peter Lukas Graf; Carmina Trio)
7.30 Silenced by the Soviets: Anna and Marina — Half Nuns, Half Whores, by Richard Crane. The third in a season of plays about Russia draws on the verse and letters of the Russian poets Akhmatova and Tsvetayeva to explore their dangerous meeting in 1941
8.20 Concert from Huddersfield: Huddersfield Choral Society under Brian Kay; BBC PO under Edward Downes perform Glinka (Overture, Ruslan and Ludmila); Gubaidulina (Offertorium); Prokofiev (Cantata, Alexander Nevsky)
9.50 Tokyo String Quartet performs Schubert (Quartet in C, D 32); Bartók (Quartet No 2); Schubert (Quartet in D minor, D 810, Death and the Maiden), incl 10.40 Interval Reading (r)
11.30 Début: The pianist Bead Gainsford plays Scriabin (Sonata No 5 in F sharp minor, Op 53; Two Pieces for the left hand, Op 9; Prelude in C sharp minor; Nocturne in D flat); Balakirev (Islamey)
12.00 News 12.05am Close

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on FM
5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing; Weather 6.10 Prelude (s) 6.30 News; Morning Has Broken, incl Bells on Sunday (s) 6.55 Weather
7.00 News 7.10 Sunday Papers 7.15 On Your Farm: George Macpherson picks blueberries on Jeremy and Sandra Trehane's Dorset farm 7.40 Sunday, incl 7.55 Weather 8.00 News 8.10 Sunday Papers 8.50 Grace Sheppard speaks for the *Week's Good Cause* on behalf of Family Service Units 8.55 Weather
9.00 News
9.10 Sunday Papers
9.15 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke (r)
9.30 Morning Service from Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church, Kentish Town, London (s)
10.15 The Archers: Omnibus edition
11.15 News Stand, with Anne Spackman
11.30 Pick of the Week (s) (r)
12.15pm Desert Island Discs: Sue Lawley's castaway is the actor John Thaw (s) (r) 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World This Weekend 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 Gardeners' Question Time: Members of the Benllech and District Gardening Club in Anglesey put their queries to the panel
2.30 Sunday Playhouse: Posters of the Moulin Rouge

● CHOICE: Sunday afternoon listening is being enriched by the repeat of John Peacock's quartet of plays about the *habitués* of the fabulous Montmartre dance hall — the dancers, singers and customers who were caught by Toulouse-Lautrec in mid-sentence, mid-drink, mid-contemplation, mid-dance, or mid-flirtation. It is not essential to have prints of the posters within hand's reach as you listen to Peacock's plays, but your enjoyment will be much enhanced if you can refer to (in today's play, for example) the tall, cadaverous figure in frock-coat and stove-pipe hat who was the peerless dancer Valentin Renaudin (s) (r)

3.30 The Radio Programme, with Laurie Taylor (s)
4.00 News; Analysis: Little Grey Cells. Peter Hennessy examines the legacy of official think tanks (r)
4.47 Time for Verse: Jackie Kay reads at the Bête Noire Poetry Festival in Hull (s)
5.00 News; Down Your Way: Ian Wooldridge visits the Royal and Ancient Golf Course in St Andrew's, Fife (s)
5.40 Letters from the Sticks: Bucolic Pastimes. In the first of four talks, David Bean despatches a personal report on rural life 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 News
6.15 The Village: For the last time in the present series, Nigel Farrell explores the life of a small rural community in Hampshire (r)
6.30 Europhile: Gordon Clough looks behind the headlines in the European papers (r)
7.00 Against the State: Utopians. Brian Redhead presents the third of eight studies in sedition and rebellion (s) (r)
7.30 A Good Read: Edward Blishen invites Tariq Ali and Carmen Callil to choose four paperbacks (s) (r)
8.00 Punters: Susan Marling helps listeners to investigate a variety of issues (r)
8.40 Reading Aloud: Pack My Bag. William Rushton reads from Henry Green's autobiography
9.00 News; Enquire Within, with Dilly Barlow (r)
9.15 The Natural History Programme (r) 9.59 Weather
10.00 News
10.15 Manna to Microwave: Food and Culture. The last programme in which Madhur Jaffrey examines how differing culinary cultures have changed and interacted over 6,000 years (s) (r)
11.00 In Committee, with Patrick Bartlett
11.30 Seeds of Faith: The Inner Journey. Jesuit priest and writer Gerard Hughes studies the importance of Ignatian spirituality today (s)
12.00-12.30am News, incl 12.27 Weather 12.33 Shipping Forecast

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SATELLITE

SKY ONE

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00am Bailey's Bird 6.30 Castaway 7.00 Fun Factory 11.00 Eight is Enough 12.00 That's Incredible 1.00pm The New Adventures of Wonder Women 2.00 WWF Superstars of Wrestling 3.00 Those Amazing Animals 4.00 The Love Boat 5.00 Small Wonder 5.30 Sky Star Search 6.30 The Simpsons 7.00 21 Jump Street 8.00 Marco Polo: First of a four-part mini series 11.00 Falcon Crest 12.00 Entertainment Tonight 1.00am Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. News on the hour.
5.00am Sunrise 5.30 Target 9.30 Dayline 10.30 Those Were the Days 11.30 Holiday Destinations 12.30pm Financial Times Business Weekly 1.30 Target 2.30 Roving Report 3.30 The Lords 4.30 Those Were the Days 5.00 Live at Five 6.30 Roving Report 7.30 Financial Times Business Weekly 8.30 Target 10.30 Roving Report 11.30 Financial Times Business Weekly 12.30am Target 1.30 Financial Times Business Weekly 2.30 Those Were the Days 3.30 Holiday Destinations 4.30 Health Circuit

SKY MOVIES+

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00am Showcase, incl at 7.40 Entertainment Tonight
8.00 Invasion Earth: The Aliens are Here! (1988): Aliens attempt to brainwash the Earth's population
10.00 Who Framed Roger Rabbit (1988): A cartoon rabbit is framed for murder and teams up with a down-and-out private eye to clear his name. Starring Bob Hoskins
12.00 Funny Farm (1988): A comedy about two city dwellers who head for the countryside to find some peace and quiet
2.00pm Incident at Dark River (1989): A company employee takes his bosses to court for polluting the environment
3.25 Carry on Joking
4.00 Dirty Rotten Scoundrels (1988): Two rival con-men team up to work the French Riviera. Starring Steve Martin and Michael Caine
6.00 Dinner at Eight (1990): A remake of the 1933 classic about a meticulously planned dinner party that goes disastrously wrong. Starring Lauren Bacall
7.40 Projector
8.00 I'm Gonna Get You Sucka (1989): A spoof of Seventies action movies
10.00 King of the City (1984): A young man seeks fame in Hollywood but finds drug-dealing and violence. Starring Michael Parks
11.40 Deadly Addiction (1988): A renegade cop wages war on the Los Angeles drug gangs after the murder of his wife. Starring Joseph Jennings and Michael Robbins
1.15am Rented Lips (1988): Two film-makers are hired to finish a low-budget porn movie and decide to make a musical instead. Starring Martin Mull and Dick Shawn
2.40 Agent on Ice (1985): A former CIA assassin turned private eye sets out to avenge the murder of two close friends by the Mafia. Starring Tom Ormeny
4.15 Monty Python and the Holy Grail (1974): The Python's reworking of the legendary tale of King Arthur. Ends at 5.50

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.15am Cannon for Cordoba (1970): Period western set in Mexico featuring the bandit Cordoba and his fight against the US army
8.15 From Noon Til Three (1976): A bank robber becomes a legend after he flirts with a beautiful woman during a raid. Starring Charles Bronson and Jill Ireland
10.15 Our Man in Havana (1959, b/w): A British vacuum cleaner salesman is recruited as a spy. Starring Alec Guinness
12.15pm Bloodsport (1990): A feature length adaptation of the novel by Dick Francis. Starring Ian McShane
2.15 Night Train to Kathmandu (1988): Two groups of teenagers from differing backgrounds join forces to thwart a wicked archaeologist. Starring Pernell Roberts
4.00 Yentl (1983): A girl disguises herself as a boy in order to gain an education in a man's world. Starring Barbra Streisand
6.15 Living Free (1972): Sequel to *Born Free*. Starring Virginia McKenna and Bill Travers
8.15 Family Business (1989): The father (Dustin Hoffman) of a New York family disapproves of his son's (Matthew Broderick) plans to pull off a million-dollar heist with his grandfather (Sean Connery)
10.15 The Return of the Musketeers (1989): A threat to the English monarchy brings the musketeers out of retirement
12.00 New York Stories (1989): Three tales connected with the Big Apple
2.05am Nighthawks (1979): Two New York cops (Sylvester Stallone and Billy Dee Williams) are assigned to track down an international terrorist (Rutger Hauer)
3.50 Sunset (1988): Screen cowboy Tom Mix teams up with sheriff Wyatt Earp to solve a murder mystery. Ends at 5.35

SKY SPORTS

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
9.00am Australian Rules Football 11.00 Cricket 1.00pm Live Refuge League Cricket 6.15 Australian Rugby League 8.15 Golf 10.15 NCAA Basketball Final 12.00 Golf

EUROSPORT

● Via the Astra satellite.
8.00am Transworld Sport 9.00 Jumping Falsterbo, part two 10.00 Live Tennis Gstaad 2.00pm Live Cycling Tour de France 4.00 Athletics Lausanne 4.30 Waterskiing 5.00 Motocross World Championships 5.30 Cycling Tour de France Highlights 6.30 Tennis Gstaad 8.30 Boxing 10.00 Dressage Goodwood 10.30 WTA Magazine 11.00 Cycling Tour de France Highlights

SCREENSPORT

● Via the Astra satellite.
7.00am Copa America 1991 8.30 Major League Baseball 10.30 Spain Sport 10.45 Tenpin Bowling 12.00 Motor Sport F3000 1.00pm Horse Racing 1.30 Copa America 1991 3.00 Formula One Grand Prix Films 3.30 International Athletics 4.30 Gol 5.30 Reve 6.00 FIA World Rally Championships 7.00 International Kickboxing 7.45 Live Copa America 1991 9.50 Live US PGA Women's Golf Open 11.30 Live Copa America 1991

LIFESTYLE

● Via the Astra satellite.
12.00 Annie Oakley 12.30pm Long John Silver 1.00 The Joan Rivers Show 1.55 The Detectives 2.50 Spain Cuisine 3.05 Roller Derby 4.00 Green Hornet 4.25 Film: Tulsa. Starring Susan Hayward and Robert Preston (1949) 6.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Channel 8.00 Close 10.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Channel 12.00 Satellite Jukebox

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FM Stereo and MW. 4.00am Paul McKenna (FM only until 6.00am) 7.00 The Bruno and Liz Breakfast Show 9.30 Dave Lee Travis 12.30pm Pick of the Pops: The Top 20 of 1961, 1974 and 1981 2.30 The Radio 1 Sunday Roadshow 4.30 The Complete UK Top 40 7.00 Anne Nightingale's Request Show 9.00 Andy Kershaw 11.00 John Peel (FM only after 12.00) 2.00-4.00am Nesle James (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. 4.00am David Allan: The Early Show 6.00 Graham Knight 7.30 Don Maclean says Good Morning Sunday 9.05 Richard Baker with Melodies for You 11.00 Desmond Carrington: Radio 2 All-Time Greats 2.00pm Benny Green 3.00 Alan Dell with Sounds Easy 4.00 Kenneth Alwyn 4.30 Sing Something Simple 5.00 Charlie Chester 7.00 Radio 2 Young Musician 1991: The winner 7.30 Nigel Brooks's Orchestral World 8.30 Sunday Half Hour 9.00 Alan Keith with Your Hundred Best Tunes 10.00 Radio 2 Arts Programme: Cannes — Fact or Fiction? 12.05am When Swing Was King 1.00 Patrick Lunt with Night Ride 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music

RADIO 5

6.00am World Service 7.30 Sunday Edition, incl at 7.30, 8.00, 8.30, 9.00 News; Sport 9.00 This Family Business, incl at 10.00 News; Sport 10.30am Education Matters (r) 11.00 News and Sport; Time Travel: John Campbell visits Hever Castle, family home of Anne Boleyn (r) 11.30 When in Germany: The country and its language (2 of 5) 12.00 News and Sport, Open University, incl 1.00 News; Sport 2.00 News and Sport; Sunday Sport, with Jonathan Legard. Motor Sport: Fosters British Formula One Grand Prix at Silverstone; Scoreboards from the Refuge Assurance Cricket League; golf news from Birkdale 7.20 Open University 9.00 Soundprint: Like a Magnet. Three reformed drug addicts tell their stories 9.30 Dragnet: The Big Set 10.00 Sport 10.10 Across the Line, incl at 11.00 Sport 12.00-12.10am Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. 5.30am Short Story: Ernst Otto Strasse, Number Six 5.45 News Headlines in English and French 5.47 British Press Review 5.52 World Business Review 5.57 Travel and Weather News 6.00 News 6.30 Londres Matin 6.59 Weather 7.00 Newsdesk 7.30 Jazz for the Asking 8.00 News 8.09 24 Hours 8.30 From Our Own Correspondent 8.50 Write On. . 9.00 News 9.09 Words of Faith 9.15 Music with Matthew 10.00 News 10.05 World Business Review 10.15 Short Story: Ernst Otto Strasse, Number Six 10.30 Stuart Coleman's Record Hop 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.01 Science in Action 11.30 Londres Midi 11.45 Mittagsmagazin 11.59 Weather 12.00 Newsdesk 12.30pm The Ken Bruce Show 1.01 Play of the Week: The Quiet American 2.00 Newshour 3.01 The Making of the Middle East 3.30 Anything Goes 4.00 News 4.15 BBC English 4.30 News and Features in German 4.59 Travel News 5.00 News 5.15 BBC English 5.30 Londres Soir 6.14 Club 648 6.30 News and Features in German 8.00 News 8.05 World Business Review 8.15 Londres Dernière 8.30 In Praise of God 9.00 News 9.09 Jazz Now and Then 9.25 Words of Faith 9.30 Brain of Britain 10.00 Newshour 11.00 World News 11.05 Music with Matthew 11.50 Sports Roundup 12.00 News 12.05am World Business Review 12.15 Letter from America 12.30 The Making of the Middle East 1.00 Newsdesk 1.30 In Praise of God 2.01 Charlotte Brontë 2.45 Master Singers 3.00 Newsdesk 3.30 Composers of the Month: Thomas Morley 4.00 News 4.09 News About Britain 4.15 Anything Goes 4.45 News and Press Review in German

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Murder of translator prompts new Rushdie plea

By DAVID YOUNG

SALMAN Rushdie yesterday issued a new appeal for the international community to increase pressure on Iran to have the death sentence imposed on him by the country's Islamic authorities lifted. His plea followed the killing of a Japanese professor who translated *The Satanic Verses*.

Police in Tokyo said it was too soon to say whether Hitoshi Igarashi was killed because he translated Rushdie's work. The attacker has not been identified. But Igarashi, aged 44, had links to pre-revolutionary Iran, the Japanese foreign ministry said.

The professor was found dead yesterday in a corridor at Tsukuba University, 37 miles northeast of Tokyo, where he taught Islamic studies. He had been stabbed several times and was the second Rushdie translator to be attacked in a fortnight. Ettore Capriolo, aged 61, who translated *The Satanic Verses* into Italian, was stabbed at his Milan flat on July 3. Capriolo suffered cuts to the neck, arms and chest and was kicked and beaten on the head by a man who said he was Iranian.

Igarashi's translation in Japanese has sold about 70,000 copies, an official of the Shinsen-sha publishing house said yesterday. His firm had no plans to step up security.

"I am extremely distressed by the news of the murder of Mr Igarashi and I offer my condolences and deepest sympathy to his family," Rushdie said yesterday. "The crisis created by the Iranian *fatwa* of February 1989 has faded from the news of late. In spite of this silence, however, the danger to all those named in the *fatwa* has, if anything, increased.

"It has been suggested (by, among others, the British government) that the only thing to be done about the *fatwa* is to let it fade quietly away over a period of time. The murder of Mr Igarashi and the stabbing of Mr Capriolo show us that this approach simply will not work."

He added: "International law, humanitarian principle and the essentially merciful character of Islam itself all require that the *fatwa* be set aside before any more innocent people die."

The Indian-born author, now a British citizen, has lived in hiding ever since the *fatwa* was decreed by the late Ayatollah Khomeini.

Spies in sky tackle cheating

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durum wheat enjoys attractive EC subsidies, have produced encouraging results.

Officials chose these regions because of what is euphemistically described as "discrepancies" amounting to around £20 million between payments and harvests.

Imaging is this year being extended into Spain and Portugal, with the EC hoping to use it across northern Europe, including Britain, over coming years, Mr Killmayer said.

In Britain, only linseed enjoys a direct subsidy, with 33,700 hectares under cultivation in 1990. Farmers are paid £578 a hectare to grow the crop, which has been appearing in East Anglia and the Cotswolds.

The National Farmers' Union said that it had no qualms about use of satellites to detect subsidy fraud. At present, the only way means is by inspectors visiting farms, which EC officials say is inefficient and costly.

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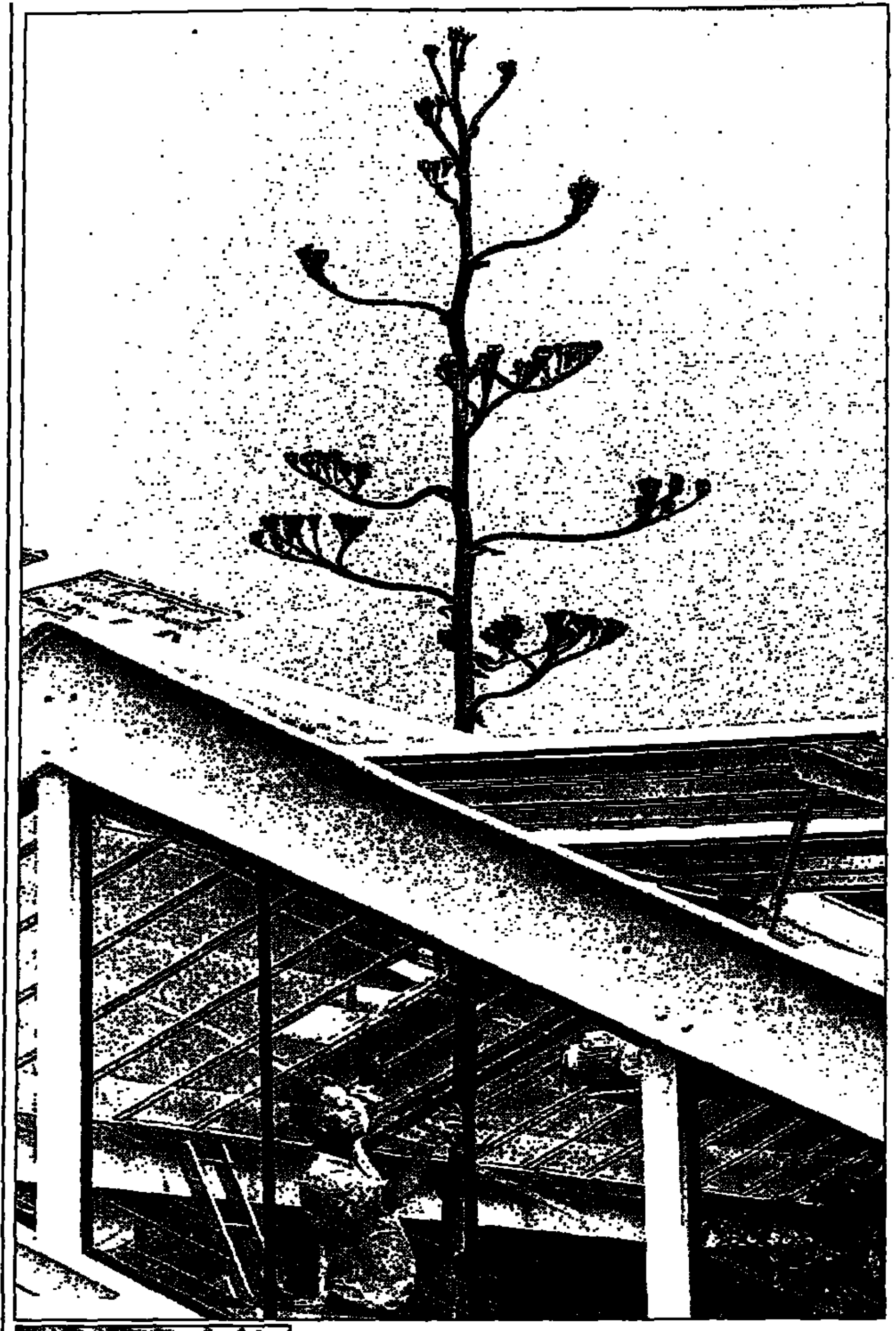

Sky's the limit: Mr Burton studies a growing problem at Kew, while at Windsor, the Duchess of York appreciates an orchid in full bloom

Growing panes at Kew

STAFF at Kew Gardens are having serious problems with some wayward specimens of Agaue Franzonimii. The plants have been sending up such large spikes this year that gardener Peter Burton has had to remove panes of glass in the roof of the Prince of Wales conservatory to allow them through.

Mr Burton, who has been a gardener in the tropical section at Kew for 23 years, can find no reason for this sudden outburst from his carefully nurtured Agaue Franzonimii but as he is retiring today he sees it as a fitting tribute.

In contrast, the Duchess of York had her plant firmly under control yesterday as she opened the eighty-seventh annual exhibition of the Royal Windsor and Horticultural Society. The orchid, presented to her at Windsor Castle, behaved impeccably.

Hit list of Iraqi targets approved

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operations. The allied force, expected to number about 3,000, will be on permanent stand-by to "respond militarily to Iraqi actions that disturb the peace," Pete Williams, a Pentagon spokesman said.

The so-called "residual strike" force will comprise American-led ground troops from at least seven nations, including Britain. Among them will be a combat helicopter battalion, rifle units, reinforced units and engineers with access to aircraft carriers in the Mediterranean and fighter aircraft. Britain is expected to provide a company of 250-300 men from 40 Commando, Royal Marines.

The Pentagon said that the rapid reaction force was authorised to respond if Iraqi fixed-wing aircraft stray into a security zone established for the Kurds, or if the Iraqi military, special police or border guards stray into the area. Mr Williams said that the allies would carry out aerial reconnaissance and expected Iraqi military representatives to continue to meet coalition officials.

Although the deployment is designed to send a strong signal to Iraq about the treatment of the Kurds, the troops are unlikely to be suitable for a strike on military targets if Baghdad refuses to comply with United Nations' requests to open its military sites for inspection. Under the terms of the UN resolutions, Iraq is supposed to destroy all arms of mass destruction, nuclear, biological and chemical. Mr Bush and John Major agreed two days ago that Baghdad had violated its pledge to provide details of its nuclear weapons.

Administration officials emphasised that no air strike is imminent. But the confirmation of a list of command-and-control centres as potential targets marked an apparent shift in American policy. Last week, officials were talking about possible strikes on suspected nuclear sites unless Saddam complied with UN requests for access.

Gunmen sow panic as loyalists celebrate

The eve of Orange Day is a traditional flashpoint for catholics and protestants. This year was no exception, **Edward Gorman** reports

The sound of automatic gunfire in a street anywhere in the British Isles, including Northern Ireland, always comes as a shock. So it was on the New Lodge Road in North Belfast early yesterday, when republicans safe in the hard IRA stronghold suddenly opened up with an automatic weapon on the protestants of Tiger Bay. The discharge of the gun lasted perhaps 30 seconds.

The target was obvious enough. Down in the rain at the junction on the New Lodge Road and Duncairn Gardens riot police and soldiers were attempting to hold their own between loyalist and republican mobs.

The gunfire had an electrifying effect. The protestants, most of them drunk, ran out of the line of sight down the New Lodge Road. Middle-aged women who had been out to celebrate 12 July, started screaming. Young children ran, shouting for their homes.

But the most potent example of how intractable and confused the Northern Ireland problem has become were the loyalist boys who appeared to take their cue from the gunman to launch their own attack on police. The officers had rushed to the scene to respond to the gathering mob of catholic teenagers, firing stones and bottles at the celebrating protestants across the road.

The 11th night is a traditional flashpoint in this area of north Belfast where two extreme enclaves are separated by one road, much of it blocked off by the iron gates of the so-called Peace Line. Loyalists burn the tricolour of the Irish republic on huge bonfires celebrating William of Orange's victory over King James at the Battle of the Boyne in 1690. Like the Orange demonstrations which follow on the 12th and which took place across the province yesterday, most catholics regard these as offensive demonstrations of bigotry and hatred. Yesterday's injury toll was ten officers, one soldier and two civilians. None of the injuries was serious.

After being hit by a brick and assaulted by a loyalist who resented the attentions of a journalist representing a British paper it was time to leave. On my way home I called the RUC press office. Had they received any reports of injuries on the New Lodge Road? Did they know there had been gunfire? The familiar voice was unimpressed. "It's nothing to get freaky or mad about," he said. "It happens every night of the week."

MONDAY IN THE TIMES

Small step forward: government policy over many years has held that secondary schools should have at least 750 pupils so that they can provide the right facilities and a balanced curriculum. But that is starting to change. David Tytler talks to Ann Buckingham, principal of Dartmouth Community College, who has proven that small can be beautiful. Her achievement is backed by reports from HM Inspectors, late converts to economies of scale

Small wonder: the British Communist party must be dead, for Bernard Levin buried it in his own column. Lo, it is risen, or rather, "in transformation"

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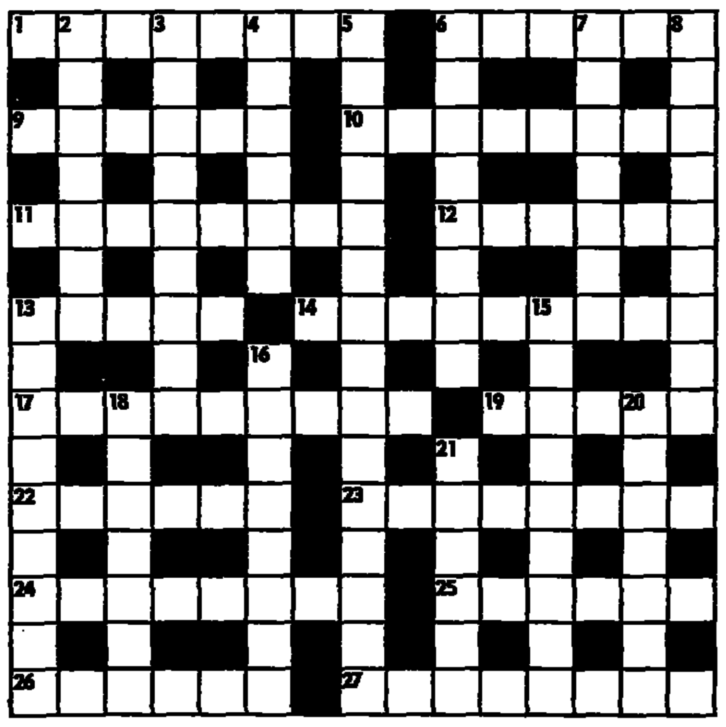

ACROSS

1 I nearly gave up too soon in safe, cushy job (8).
6 One of the services provided for a group of mountains (6).
9 Verbal agreement for a rise (6).
10 Calculate roughly 16 divided by one thousand (8).
11 Hooligan has run off (8).
12 Criticise revolution that's ending in sorrow (6).
13 Saw, for instance, girl returning (5).
14 Falls considered lucky (9).
17 In truth, I entered exam for a number of mathematicians (9).
19 Girl and boy in love? On the contrary (5).
22 About to breathe heavily, about to drop off for a moment (6).
23 Hazards circle round an ecclesiastic (8).
24 Hoop's rim replaced by something of the same form (8).
25 In hospital I could do with a letter . . . (6).
26 . . . not a short line put together by a lawyer (6).
27 Drink that goes to one's head (8).

DOWN

2 As an alternative end it's a dud (7).
3 Army Command seeing round regiment (4,5).
4 Residential area in N America fit for bridge players . . . (6).
5 . . . occasionally, whenever any don't need to shuffle (5,3,3,4).
6 Tangle hair in bed (8).
7 Foreign resort is in a state (7).
8 Coast is not encumbered with gutted fish (4-5).
13 Emotion aroused by friend or foe, in fact (9).
15 A trapper's hurt — might need such surgery (5-4).
16 Characteristic of right — heartless Tory (8).
18 Vessel heads for Calais, after turning back on another tack (7).
20 Wind instrument, round, with a keel-like ridge (7).
21 Managing to make the business sound (6).

Solution to Puzzle No 18,651

F	R	I	E	N	D	S	H	I	P			W		M
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Solution to Puzzle No 18,656

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WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

SANNYASI
- a. Japanese physical training
- b. A herbal infusion
- c. A mendicant hermit

PETRARY
- a. A rose-red stone
- b. A machine for hurling stones
- c. Breaking and entering

STAVESACRE
- a. Parson's enclosure
- b. A tall larkspur
- c. A battlefield

KANG
- a. A heated bed
- b. A Tartar regiment
- c. A Korean coin

Answers on page 15

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National motorways	737
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Midlands	740
East Anglia	741
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North-east England	743
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WEATHER

Cloud and rain over southern and central England will move east. Central and western parts will then become drier but remain rather cloudy. The West Country and Wales might even have some sunny periods but also isolated showers, as might Scotland and Northern Ireland, where the showers will become less frequent. The north and west will be windy. Outlook: drier with sunny spells; more rain later.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	28	82	s	Madrid	34	93	s
Akrotiri	31	88	s	Majorca	30	86	s
Alex'dria	27	81	s	Malaga	30	86	s
Algiers	29	84	s	Malta	28	82	s
Amst'dm	20	68	f	Melb'rne	13	55	c
Athens	33	91	s	Miami*	31	88	f
Bahrain	33	91	s	Milan	32	90	s
Bangkok	33	91	f	Montreal*	25	77	f
Barbados*	30	86	s	Moscow	21	70	c
Barcelna	26	79	f	Munich	32	90	s
Belgrade	33	91	f	Naples	31	88	s
Berlin	34	93	s	N York*	30	86	f
Bermuda*	31	88	f	Nice	28	82	s
Biarritz	21	70	c	Oslo	18	64	r
Borde'x	23	73	c	Paris	23	73	s
Brussels	20	68	s	Peking	27	81	c
Budapst	33	91	f	Perth	19	66	s
B Aires*	9	48	c	Prague	32	90	f
Cairo	35	95	s	Reykjavik	16	61	s
Cape Tn	16	61	s	Rhodes	29	84	s
Chicago*	30	86	s	Rio de J	28	82	s
Ch'church	8	46	s	Riyadh	38	100	s
Cologne	24	75	f	Rome	28	82	s
C'phagn	20	68	f	Salzburg	32	90	s
Corfu	33	91	s	S F'risco*	18	64	s
Dublin	17	63	c	Santiago*	15	59	s
Dubrovnik	32	90	s	S Paulo*	19	66	c
Faro	34	93	s	Seoul	29	84	f
Florence	33	91	s	Sing'por	31	88	d
Frankfurt	29	84	f	St'kholm	23	73	s
Funchal	21	70	c	Strasb'rg	31	88	f
Geneva	31	88	s	Sydney	15	59	c
Gibraltar	25	77	s	Tangier	33	91	s
Helsinki	24	75	f	Tel Aviv	28	82	s
Hong K	29	84	f	Tenerife	26	79	s
Innsbrck	31	88	f	Tokyo	29	84	c
Istanbul	30	86	s	Toronto*	25	77	f
Jeddah	35	95	s	Tunis	33	91	s
Jo'burg*	18	64	s	Valencia	29	84	s
L Palmas	24	75	s	Vanc'ver*	18	64	c
Le Tquet	17	63	f	Venice	29	84	s
Lisbon	28	82	s	Vienna	31	88	s
Locarno	30	86	s	Warsaw	28	82	s
London	19	66	c	Wash'ton*	30	86	s
L Angels*	21	70	s	Wel'nton	8	46	r
Luxembg	24	75	s	Zurich	30	86	s
Luxor	40	104	s				

* denotes figures are latest available

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	3.32	7.2	3.54	7.0
Aberdeen	2.47	4.4	3.49	4.4
Avonmouth	9.12	13.4	9.29	13.7
Portsmouth	12.45	4.7	1.37	4.8
Shoreham	12.41	6.3	1.18	6.4
Southampton	12.13	4.5	12.51	4.6

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

LIGHTING-UP TIMES

TODAY
London 9.14 pm to 4.59 am
Bristol 9.23 pm to 5.09 am
Edinburgh 9.52 pm to 4.46 am
Manchester 9.33 pm to 4.57 am
Penzance 9.29 pm to 5.21 am

[illegible]

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	F	
Aberdeen	-	.09	16	61	rain
Belfast	2.7	.07	20	68	rain
Birmingham	6.4	.03	26	79	shower
Cardiff	4.0	.20	21	70	rain
Clacton	11.8	-	24	75	sunny
Edinburgh	0.2	.04	20	68	dull
Exmouth	2.2	.05	18	64	drizzle
Folkestone	13.0	-	23	73	sunny
Newquay	4.2	.26	17	63	rain
Nottingham	8.7	-	28	82	sunny
Prestwick	-	.12	19	66	rain
Salcombe	1.9	.07	19	66	rain
Scarborough	6.4	-	28	82	sunny
Torquay	2.2	.06	20	68	bright
Weymouth	2.7	-	17	63	cloudy
Worthing	7.7	-	19	66	bright

Thursday's figures.

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Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 19C (66F); min 6pm to 6am, 12C (54F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.08 in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 9.0 hr.

[illegible]

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 18C (64F); min 6pm to 6am, 09C (48F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.25 in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 3.9 hr.

[illegible]

Thursday: Highest day temp: Cromer, Norfolk, 32C (90F); lowest day max: Fair Isle, Shetland, 14C (57F); highest rainfall: Penzance, Cornwall, 0.77 in; highest sunshine: Skegness, Lincolnshire, 14.7 hr.

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.23	2.08
Austria Sch	21.90	20.40
Belgium Fr	63.50	59.50
Canada $	1.995	1.845
Denmark Kr	11.90	11.15
Finland Mkk	7.44	6.99
France Fr	10.40	9.75
Germany Dm	3.08	2.88
Greece Dr	332.00	312.00
Hong Kong $	13.21	12.21
Ireland Pt	1.151	1.081
Italy Lira	2295.00	2145.00
Japan Yen	241.75	223.75
Netherlands Gld	3.465	3.245
Norway Kr	12.10	11.30
Portugal Esc	265.75	247.75
South Africa Rd	5.50	4.90
Spain Pta	192.00	179.00
Sweden Kr	11.20	10.45
Switzerland Fr	2.67	2.50
Turkey Lira	7700.00	6900.00
USA $	1.735	1.61
Yugoslavia Dnr	DNB	40.00

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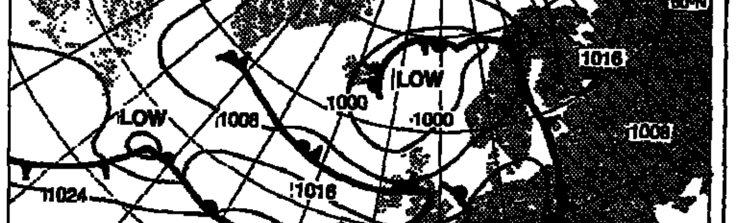

TODAY	Sun rises:	Sun sets:	TOMORROW	Sun rises:	Sun sets:
	4.58 am	9.14 pm		4.59 am	9.13 pm
	Moon rises:	Moon sets:		Moon rises:	Moon sets:
	7.09 am	10.04 pm		8.37 am	10.23 pm
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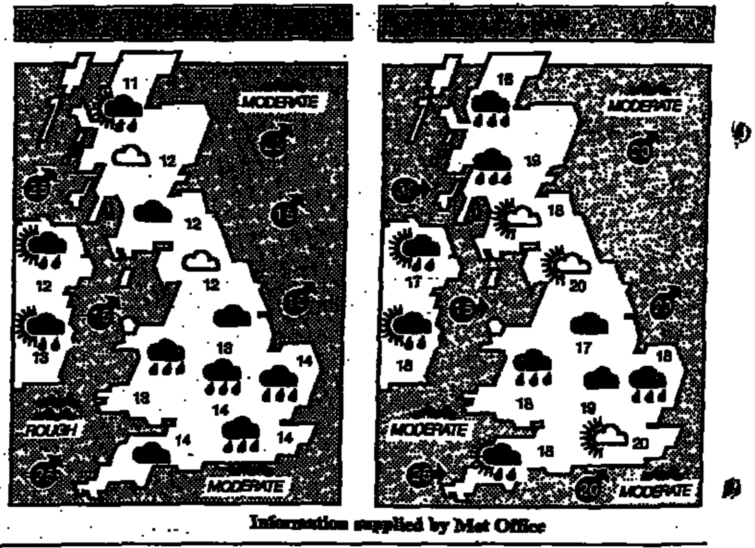

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EC seeks to tighten regulations on 'brass plate' banking

By Graham Searjeant
FINANCIAL EDITOR

THE European Community is hoping to block the development of 'brass plate' banking centres, where banks set up to avoid proper supervision. Member countries with weak bank regulation might be obliged to pay for mistakes if depositors in other EC countries lose money in a collapse. In the wake of the BCCI failure, EC officials are working out proposals to make countries in which banks are registered responsible for compensating depositors in other countries if one of their banks fails.

Under international banking accords, a bank's home state is primarily responsible for regulating it, but any compensation in the event of a collapse is up to the countries where deposits are made. This was also intended as the basis for community rules for the single European market, whereby banks authorised to trade in their own country will be able to trade in other EC countries if their home supervisor agrees.

Drafts for a consolidated supervision directive, intended to be the final plank in the rules for a single EC banking market, may, however, be changed in the wake of the BCCI collapse. If the onus of responsibility is switched, banks would have to disclose what the compensation arrangements were in their country of origin when soliciting deposits.

All EC countries except Greece and Portugal have some sort of deposit compensation scheme. Most have somewhat lower limits than Britain, which offers 75 per cent compensation up to a maximum of £15,000 under an industry-financed scheme. Germany, Italy and France have more generous schemes designed to prevent bank runs.

Attempts by banks to avoid tough regulation by siting a holding company in one country but conducting business in others, as the Luxembourg-registered BCCI did, are in any case likely to be thwarted within the EC under the new regime. Under directives already agreed, supervision of a bank controlled by a shell holding company would fall to the EC country where it had its biggest operations.

This is likely to be extended under the consolidated supervision directive, now under discussion. Even if a bank does some business in its theoretical home state, the leading responsibility for regulation could still shift to the country hosting the biggest branch. This would happen automatically if there were disagreement among bank regulators over who was to be in charge.

Responsibility for BCCI was split between the Luxembourg monetary institute, the Bank of England and the Cayman Islands authorities. Regulators will also be obliged to co-operate and not withhold information on grounds of secrecy, except on tax affairs. The commission's directorate for financial institutions, however, is struggling to bring financial conglomerates fully into this net.

The new regime will require comparable minimum reporting and capital rules for banks in all EC countries, but cannot specify the standards of monitoring or resources put into regulation, relying on market forces to shame poorly regulated banking centres. Luxembourg has said its system could not cope with deliberate fraud.

Scope for more reductions 'limited'

Base rate cut by half point as inflation stalls

By Colin Narbrough, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

THE government sanctioned the sixth half-point cut in base rates since February, bringing them down to 11 per cent, but gave warning that the scope for more reductions is limited.

Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, lowered interest rates in spite of disappointing retail price figures, which showed the steady fall in annual inflation came to a halt in June.

But while headline inflation, as measured by the retail price index, rose 0.4 per cent to 134.1 last month to give an annual increase of 5.8 per cent, unchanged from May, other measures showed a pick-up in underlying inflation.

The pound, the position of which in the European exchange-rate mechanism affects the scope for interest rate cuts, strengthened, benefiting from concerted intervention against the dollar by leading central banks.

This provided a timely demonstration of Group of Seven co-ordination ahead of next week's economic summit in London. The pound closed 4 cents higher at $1.6455 and over half a pfennig up at DM2.9512, pushing its trade-weighted index up 0.9 to 90.4.

Mr Lamont said the government had made excellent progress in reducing inflation and it was on track for 4 per cent in the final quarter of 1991.

John Smith, the shadow chancellor, said: "Once again the government has been excessively cautious. An economy so deep in recession as ours and with no sign of recovery whatsoever needs the stimulus of at least a full 1 per cent cut."

But John Maples, economic secretary to the Treasury, speaking on Channel 4 television, rejected as "completely stupid" calls for bigger interest rate cuts. On future easing, he said the "room for further cuts is now very considerably more limited than it was earlier".

City economists believe the government has nearly run out of the interest rate ammunition needed to restore economic growth and its political fortunes. Keith Skeoch, chief economist at James Capel, expects another half-point cut in September. "But from then on, the government will have to be very careful." Provided the pound holds up, forecasts for end-year centre on base rates of 10 per cent.

While the government says the benefit of interest rate cuts since February is starting to feed through to consumers and businesses, there has been little evidence of recovery in the economic data.

Professor Sir Alan Walters, former economic adviser to Mrs Thatcher, said on radio yesterday that the recession would be deep and long, with a "damp squib" of a recovery.

Core inflation, which excludes mortgage interest payments and poll tax, showed an annual rise to 8.9 per cent in June, up from 8.7 per cent in May. The James Capel measure of underlying inflation, which excludes seasonal foods and petrol, also showed a slight pick-up. Ian Harnett, chief economist at Strauss Turnbull, called the inflation figures "disastrous", as they not only reflected higher seasonal food, drink and motoring costs, but showed a rise across a range of goods and services. Mr Skeoch, however, saw the June data as a "minor blip in a downward trend".

Central bank dollar sales dominated the foreign exchange market, representing the most serious assault on currency for months, following its surge on Thursday. The dollar lost 4.2 pfennigs, pushing it down to DM1.7915 by the London close.

In America, prices paid by wholesalers fell 0.3 per cent in June, the third decline in five months, pointing to a continued easing of inflationary pressures. The unexpected seasonally-adjusted drop in the producer price index followed an 0.6 per cent jump in May. Other data showed retail sales declining 0.2 per cent in June, the third loss this year.

MORTGAGE CUTS SINCE ERM ENTRY

	Old rate £	New rate £	Difference £	October rate £
Endowment (£)				
10,000	77.82	74.70	3.12	96.25
20,000	155.64	149.39	6.25	192.50
30,000	233.45	224.08	9.37	288.75
40,000	337.20	323.66	13.54	417.09
50,000	440.95	423.25	17.70	545.42
60,000	544.70	522.83	21.87	673.75
70,000	648.45	622.41	26.04	802.09
80,000	752.20	722.00	30.20	930.42
90,000	855.95	821.58	34.37	1,058.75
100,000	959.70	921.16	38.54	1,187.09
Repayment (£)				
10,000	87.17	84.58	2.59	102.95
20,000	174.35	169.17	5.18	205.89
30,000	261.52	253.75	7.77	308.84
40,000	360.52	348.85	11.67	431.79
50,000	470.10	454.73	15.37	563.80
60,000	579.68	560.61	19.07	695.81
70,000	689.26	666.50	22.76	827.82
80,000	798.85	772.38	26.47	959.83
90,000	908.43	878.26	30.17	1,091.84
100,000	1,018.01	984.14	33.87	1,223.85

Source: Halifax Building Society

Called to account: BCCI staff, who may lose jobs and deposits, demonstrate outside the Bank of England yesterday

Brokers refused to deal with BCCI

By Neil Bennett, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

LONDON'S three largest moneybrokers had refused to do business with the Bank of Credit and Commerce International years before it collapsed, after fears over its creditworthiness.

Exco, Marshall's and Butler & Harlow, part of the Mills & Allen group, had all stopped placing deposits from local authorities and other clients with BCCI. One broker said: "There was a smell about them. They were not the sort of people we do business with."

The fact that BCCI had been avoided by such important players is likely to put other moneybrokers and local authorities who dealt with the bank under further scrutiny.

RP Martin, one of the brokers who placed deposits with BCCI, defended its position yesterday. Andy Herrtage, the finance director, said Martin was regulated by the Bank of England under the Grey Paper on wholesale markets and the London code of conduct, and had complied "fully".

BCCI was an active participant in the wholesale market, despite the boycott by the larger brokers. It offered about an eighth of 1 per cent more interest on deposits, and generally paid twice the amount of commission to brokers as the main high street banks.

As a result of BCCI's closure by the Bank of England last Friday, 29 local authorities stand to lose up to £100 million of their deposits.

A Luxembourg court, meanwhile, has ordered an enquiry to decide whether to place BCC Holding, the holding company of the collapsed bank, into administration. Maryse Welter, the court's vice-president, will report on August 1. A decision to proceed with administration of the parent would give Brian Smouha, the Touche Ross accountant leading BCCI's winding up, further access to the group's world subsidiaries.

In South Korea, a row has erupted between the central bank and the country's diplomatic community over BCCI. More than 150 diplomats had local BCCI accounts, and an estimated $6 million of their savings has been frozen. The Peruvian and Argentinian consuls have closed due to lack of funds. The diplomats meet government officials on Monday.

Teenager launched £4m fraud

THE mastermind behind a £4 million investment fraud was only a teenager when he launched the scheme in which 400 people were duped over ten years, an Old Bailey judge heard yesterday.

Christopher Wright was 18 when he and three others set up the Garston Amhurst Investment Group and almost immediately began cheating clients out of their money.

When he knew the fraud was about to be made public he went on holiday and gambled £25,000 of his clients' money.

Wright, aged 29, of Kew Bridge Road, Brentford, west London, James Krekis of Wootton under Edge, Gloucestershire, and Gordon Davies, of Manor Road, Romford, Essex, pleaded guilty to conspiracy to obtain property by deception. Wright, Krekis and Andrew Woodhouse, of Grantham, Lincolnshire, pleaded guilty to conspiracy to steal.

Findus closure cuts 900 jobs

By Ross Tieman, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

FINDUS, the British frozen foods subsidiary of Nestlé, the Swiss corporation, is to close its main Grimsby plant with the loss of 900 jobs.

Blaming declining demand, the company intends to cease fish finger production and concentrate on frozen meals, including its Lean Cuisine range, at its Longbenton plant, Newcastle upon Tyne.

Keith Moore, regional organiser of the GMB union said the closure was a disaster for Grimsby. More than 80 per cent of the workforce were women, many of them part timers. "There are whole families working there," he said, "We are angry, extremely angry."

Findus, originally a Scandinavian company, began in Grimsby 30 years ago importing products for sale under the Eskimo brand. It was acquired by Nestlé in 1975.

However, Richard Webb, general manager of Findus, said the decision to withdraw from coated fish made the factory "totally uneconomic".

☐ British Steel is to close its works at Halesowen, West Midlands, early in 1992, with the loss of 180 jobs. Work at the plant will be transferred to sites at Corby and Hartlepool.

Abbey kicks the Baltic Quay habit

By Matthew Bond

ABBEY National, the building society turned bank, which yesterday called in administrative receivers at Baltic Quay, a £30 million property development at Surrey Docks, London, will be keeping its fingers crossed for a revival in the housing market.

Robin Addy, a partner at Cork Gully, the insolvency arm of Coopers & Lybrand Deloitte, was blunt about the problems that had led to his firm being called in. "Only one commercial unit has been sold and there are no residential occupiers at all as yet." As a result, one of Mr Addy's first decisions will be to work out how best to dispose of the 90 luxury flats at Baltic Quay.

Abbey's army of shareholders can take comfort from the fact that their company is not the first of the "safe as houses" lending institutions to take a bath in London's house price slump. In 1989, Halifax building society called in the receiver at Burrell's Wharf, after lending Kentish Homes, the wharf's developer, £24 million.

A year later, Nationwide Anglia, Britain's third biggest building society, had a £12 million loan outstanding as Declan Kelly, a private developer, collapsed.

Abbey's exposure to Baltic Quay is £25.5 million, lent to Chesterim, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Marinup, which until last year was far better known as Skillion plc, a private company run by Ric Hawley.

Mr Hawley said yesterday that, for the present, the receivership was limited to Chesterim and that Abbey would not be pursuing Marinup. Nor, he said, was there any link with Skillion Holdings, a new company he formed last year with the help of Polar International, a Finnish investor.

Abbey is confident of recovering a significant proportion of its money. John Fry, Abbey's group services director, said: "We're certainly not expecting to write off £25.5 million." He conceded, however, that some hefty provisions had been made.

He added that Abbey had taken steps to ensure the losses would not be repeated. "We said about 18 months ago that we were not going to be in the commercial property market. It did not fit in with our main purpose in life, which is the personal sector." As a result, Abbey has only £60 million of commercial development loans outstanding. In the wake of Baltic Quay, 42 per cent of that loan book is in default, suggesting commercial property is one habit Abbey kicked not a minute too soon.

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WEEKEND MONEY

Student debt surges

A CHRONIC lack of holiday employment for students this summer means that many will not have been able to repay overdrafts before returning to college.

Those in high rent areas are facing particular hardship because housing benefit was abolished when student loans were introduced last autumn.

The National Union of Students is calling upon the government to act, before some students find themselves unable to restart their studies next term.................. Page 31

A cut above

For a chairman and chief executive of GKN, the engineering group, Sir David Lees makes a good groundsman, says his wife. She tells Gillian Bowditch that his obsession for mowing lawns is almost as great as his love of golf. His real passion, however, is work.................. Page 27

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German mark
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Exchange index
90.4 (+0.9)

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New York Dow Jones
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3-month Interbank 11$\frac{1}{16}$-11%
3-month eligible bills: 10$\frac{18}{32}$-10½%
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French take key stake in Blenheim after US buy

By MICHAEL TATE, CITY EDITOR

BLENHEIM Group, the exhibitions and conference organiser, is paying $36.5 million for New York's twice-yearly Jewelry Shows, in a deal that also sees Phénix, the French group controlled by Compagnie Génerale des Eaux, emerge as a key shareholder.

The deal is being financed by an issue of Blenheim shares, which will be placed with the French group — full name La Compagnie Immobilière - Phénix — which already has a 4 per cent equity stake, acquired through the market a week ago.

The French group is paying 930p a share, which, said Neville Buch, Blenheim's chairman, represents a 10.3 per cent premium to the market price immediately before the initial French purchase. After the announcement, Blenheim shares rose 23p to 893p.

The placing will lift the French shareholding to 11.77 per cent, and Phénix and Blenheim will each appoint a director to the other's board. Phénix, a £370 million company with interests in hotels and exhibition halls, has given undertakings not to lift its holding above 20 per cent, and has agreed to certain restrictions as to the timing of and circumstances in which it may sell its shares.

Mr Buch said the two companies would form a "strategic committee" with equal representation, which would implement and oversee "a plan of co-operation".

Blenheim's acquisition of Jewelry Shows, which rank among the leading jewellery exhibitions in America, is the group's sixth American acquisition since May 1989, and is part of what Mr Buch calls "controlled expansion" there.

"Blenheim is now a truly international group," he said. The percentage of business generated outside the UK is expected to exceed 80 per cent in the 16 months to December 31, 1992, and to approach 90 per cent in 1994.

The Jewelry Shows, owned and run by Jewelers of America, which has 10,000 members, have been running since 1935, and rank among the top 40 American exhibitions.

The last show, in February, attracted 1,500 exhibitors and covered about 250,000 sq ft. The five-day July show, from July 24, is expected to attract 1,700 exhibitors.

Turnover for the year to last September 30, was £4.91 million, and profit was £1.96 million.

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TIM BISHOP

Reducing gearing: Joe Sinyor, chief executive of Pepe, which is cutting its payout

Pepe to raise £9.4m after fall

By MARTIN BARROW

PEPE Group, the branded jeans and leisurewear company, is raising £9.4 million through an issue of convertible shares after suffering a decline in profits for the second year running.

Shareholders are being offered ten convertible cumulative preference shares at 100p each for every 27 ordinary shares held. Existing shares, which trade on the Unlisted Securities Market, rose 2p to 84p.

Arun Shah, the chairman, and his family will not subscribe for their entitlement as holders of 62.1 per cent of the ordinary shares. On full conversion, their shareholding would fall below 40 per cent.

The money will be used to reduce gearing from 85 per cent of shareholders' funds to about 45 per cent. During the year to end-March, a rise in interest costs from £2.98 million to £5.41 million contributed to a decline in taxable profits from £10.53 million to £4.8 million. Profits hit a record £12.8 million in 1989.

Earnings fell from 23.4p a share to 10.4p. Pepe, where Joe Sinyor is chief executive, is paying a final dividend of 1.5p (4p), making 4p (6.5p) for the year.

BCMB administrators seek to make payouts

By OUR CITY STAFF

TALKS to sell British & Commonwealth Merchant Bank, part of the failed B&C financial services group, have broken down and the administrators are to apply to the courts to start payments to depositors.

Charterhouse, the merchant bank considering the buy, had until June 30 to review BCMB's books but disagreed with BCMB over the provisions needed against the loan book. Ernst & Young, administrator, said: "Following its detailed investigations, Charterhouse has formed views as to the extent of provisions required against the bank's loan book which differ from those held by the bank. Therefore no offer has been received."

The administrators and the creditors' committee are seeking High Court approval of a voluntary arrangement to start paying depositors. The administrators hope payments could start by October. The first is expected to be not less than 40p in the pound. It is expected that creditors will be paid in full, including interest, by December 1993.

Trilion falls into losses at half time

By OUR CITY STAFF

TRILION, the film and television facilities group, has fallen into losses again. It incurred a pre-tax loss of £788,000 in the six months to end-March, compared with a profit of £161,000 last time. Once again, there is no interim dividend.

Spending on programming has been affected by the recession and uncertainty in the run-up to the awarding of the next round of ITV franchises. Trilion paid interest of £55,000, indicating that it has now reinvested the £25 million it was paid by Olympia & York to leave its studio in Canary Wharf, East London.

Receiver called in at Lawtex

By MATTHEW BOND

ONE of Britain's biggest manufacturers of umbrellas has gone into receivership, despite the wet summer.

Cork Gully, the insolvency arm of Coopers & Lybrand Deloitte, was yesterday appointed receiver to Lawtex, less than 24 hours after the Oldham umbrella maker asked for its shares on the London Stock Exchange to be suspended at 45p.

David Harrison of Cork Gully said last month's rain had come too late to save the company, which had debts of about £7 million. "The shops had large stocks of umbrellas, so when the rain came it was these stocks that moved first."

Mr Harrison is optimistic, however, about the prospect of selling Lawtex's umbrella business. Of the company's three divisions — the others are babywear and leisurewear — umbrellas, with sales approaching £6 million, contributes the most to group profits. In the six months to December, Lawtex made a pre-tax loss of £640,000.

Mr Harrison said that Lawtex had problems dating back a number of years, but in recent months these had been exacerbated by a marked deterioration in the profitability of the babywear division. A new management team that arrived in March, of Jeremy Stoke and Jeffrey Curtiss, had made a valiant effort to turn the company around. "They had gone a long way in trying to rescue something from what was a very difficult situation," Mr Harrison said. But with sales falling, the management had run out of time.

Loss warning given by AB Electronic

AB ELECTRONIC Products has given a warning of further losses in the second half of this financial year. Interim losses were £2.02 million.

Sir Peter Phillips, chairman of the Welsh electronic components maker, said that against the background of difficult trading conditions, only a nominal dividend was likely to be paid for the year.

The company's bankers have extended borrowing facilities until the end of October 1992, with financial and operating covenants, including restrictions on dividend payments if performance targets are not achieved.

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Sir David is seen as a safe driver, capable of steering through the recession

Obsessive mower of lawns puts perfectionism to work

BUSINESS PROFILE

By Gillian Bowditch

Sir David Lees

With an accountant's instinct, the chairman and chief executive of GKN is unlikely to take a gamble, but he can still be adventurous

STEPHEN MARKESON

Perfectionist who retains his sense of humour: Sir David finds time to relax in his Cleveland Row office

Anyone who knows Sir David Lees would find it difficult to imagine him driving his Daimler at speed on the country lanes of Shropshire. Indeed, it is difficult to imagine the chairman and chief executive of GKN taking a gamble with an amber traffic light. He is an accountant by training and instinct.

Sir David's image as a safe driver at the wheel of GKN, which, among other things, is Britain's second largest manufacturer of motor components, was boosted by his appointment as a non-executive director of the Bank of England in March and his knighthood last month in the Queen's birthday honours list.

At 55, he retains boyish looks in the Jeffrey Archer mould and his trim physique testifies to a life on the sportsfield. He is a keen golfer and although he has given up playing football, he is an avid supporter of Shrewsbury Town. His wife, Mary, says he is almost as likely to be found pushing a lawnmower as swinging a golf club.

She says: "He is an obsessive mower of lawns. He takes a great deal of pleasure in producing perfect, velvety lines on his acre of grass. I think he was probably a groundsman in another life."

Sir Peter Cazalet, the chairman of APV and non-executive deputy chairman of GKN, says of Sir David: "He is a cautious person, very meticulous and he takes a great deal of time and trouble studying problems. He's very determined and extremely hard working. You'd never see him doing anything wild or irresponsible, although he can be adventurous."

His need for activity, tendency to caution and perfectionist nature are coming into their own at GKN where, in common with other manufacturing groups, the recession is taking its toll. In May, Sir David told shareholders at the group's annual meeting that there was no hard evidence of improvement and profits for the first half of this year would be below the £71.5 million made in the second half of last year. Profits for the whole of last year were £172 million, against £215 million in 1989.

GKN has faced economic hardship in the past. By the beginning of the Eighties, the group, which was formed in 1902 as Guest Keen and Nettlefolds, was over-manned and over-diversified. A loss of £1 million in 1980, after profits of £126 million in 1979, took the group perilously close to financial disaster. But under the chairmanship of Sir Trevor Holdsworth, and with Sir David as finance director, the group was turned round.

At the end of 1979, GKN employed 69,000 people in Britain and 30,000 overseas. That is now down to 15,000 in Britain. In the Eighties, the group spent between £500 million and £750 million on redundancy.

Sir David says: "That's tough, that's people, a lot of people whose fault it isn't. At the same time, had these steps not been taken in the Eighties, the jobs that remained would eventually have gone as well."

This recession is not as tough as the last one for GKN, largely because the group is in much better shape to withstand it. More of its operations are overseas, but even so, Sir David says there are more tunnels than lights at the moment.

In spite of the hard times and ongoing redundancies, Sir David enjoys his job. His ambition at the age of 16 was to go into industry, and he could not have found a company much more industrial than GKN, which, in addition to automotive and engineered products, makes Warrior tanks and tractor cabs.

Sir David was born in Aberdeen to a Scottish mother and an English father who was a rear-admiral in the Royal Navy. He describes his father, who was away for most of the war, as a man who was intolerant of indiscipline, rather than a disciplinarian.

"My father was supportive of his family," says Sir David. "He was not, on the face of it, a kind man, but when it mattered, he was a kind man. I'm certainly like my father in that I don't like indiscipline either. I don't like people trying to fool me. I like sincerity." His mother bore the brunt of bringing up Sir David and his two brothers during the war. He is close to both siblings, one of whom followed his father into the navy. The other made his career at Lloyd's of London. "My mother was a very diligent person. She wasn't an ambitious person in the nasty sense of the word, but she wanted to get on. She was a mover. She died last year, aged 87, and she'd ridden a bicycle the day before. She was that sort of person, a gutsy person but gregarious. She liked people."

> *'He will be an absolute pain if he doesn't have enough to do when he retires. He is a doer'*

Sir David was sent to a pre-prep boarding school in Sussex at the age of eight, and then to Charterhouse, which he enjoyed immensely, and excelled on the games field. "I got a succession of lousy reports on the academic front but it didn't really matter because my father was a games player too, and as long as one got into the first XI for this or that it didn't really matter what the Latin master said. They were happy days."

Despite a lack of academic prowess, Sir David was numerate and had developed an interest in stocks and shares, creating a hypothetical portfolio that he managed. Given his interest in industry, accountancy seemed a natural career. His father knew few people in the profession and those he did know he tended to despise, Sir David says. But he managed to fix up the 16 year old with an interview at Binder Hamlyn. "The interview was with Brigadier Hamlyn, who was quite awesome. It was going rather well when he suddenly asked me if I spoke French. I had been studying French as part of my 'A' level syllabus so, before I knew what I was saying, I said yes. Whereupon, to my absolute horror, he pressed a bell and introduced a young man from the Paris office.

"Fortunately, he had the grace to send me into another room with this chap while he spoke to my father. We had ten minutes of 'the pen of my aunt'. To my great gratitude — because it was quite untrue — the Frenchman said I was OK, but my father was absolutely mortified because he knew I didn't speak much French and I jolly nearly made a mess of it. It was brash and confident and out of character really, but I think it did me a lot of good. My father gave me a tremendous dressing down" afterwards. I think the lesson learnt from that experience was 'don't try to fool people'."

Sir David was accepted to take his articles, but chose to do his national service first. He says there was something slightly perverse in his choice of the army rather than the navy, but he did not want to be in his well-known father's shadow. He enjoyed his army days and says it made him grow up.

"If you'd been to an all boys' prep school and then to a public school like Charterhouse where the boys would play the female parts in the school play and there was not much contact with the opposite sex, you came out a rather curious specimen. It was as if you'd been in a greenhouse, a forcing house. In many ways, I was extremely immature. Going into the armed services was necessary to knock quite a lot of that out of you. You see life in much more realistic terms."

He was stationed in Britain for the duration, but there was a brief flurry of excitement when, during the Suez crisis, it seemed that his regiment might be sent abroad. "The nearest we got to hostilities was painting all our green vehicles sand colour and sizing up for tropical pyjamas. Then, when it was decided we weren't going to Suez, we painted all the vehicles green again."

Sir David did not stay in accountancy for long after completing his articles. He was working on a study of Handley Page, the private aircraft firm, when the company asked him to join it as chief cost accountant. But, for a first job in industry, he had driven on to a bumpy track. The group was becoming weaker and eventually was put into receivership by its bankers. Although he was asked to stay by the American firm that bought the business, Sir David decided it was time to leave. "In retrospect, it was very useful, practical training but I wouldn't wish it on anyone," he says.

By a happy coincidence, a firm of headhunters asked him to a breakfast meeting with Robin Marlar, the county cricketer, who was seeking a finance director for Sankey, one of GKN's subsidiaries.

When he went for an interview, however, he was told he was too young for the job and was offered the post of chief accountant. He became finance director of Sankey within a few years.

By 1976, Sir David's diligence had been rewarded and he moved to the centre of the group, working his way up to finance director. By 1981, he was on the GKN board, the youngest director by several years. He says he did not really consider the possibility of becoming chairman and chief executive at that stage. "We were in a recession. At that time, to be quite honest, one wasn't thinking about what next except in the very short term. If I was going to be appointed chairman and chief executive, it would be because my colleagues thought that was the right appointment to make. That sounds slightly unambitious and gives the wrong impression," he says.

"I don't admire naked ambition and I don't think an ambitious person has to wear it on his sleeve, but I am ambitious. I saw the opportunity to take this job but I never pressed for it."

Sir David is aware that he has made sacrifices to reach the position he is in today and believes it would not be possible to do the job without a supportive and understanding wife. Lady Lees, to whom he has been married for 30 years, says: "We rub along together pretty well. I've had to spend quite a lot of time without him and it's always been a bit like that. Work comes first and family comes first equal. Just occasionally, I wonder whether family doesn't come second. But he is good at relaxing and he enjoys his friends in Shropshire. He has a good sense of humour, which can become a bit idiotic when he is with his brothers. We don't do any work entertaining here, but sometimes I go to London and become Mrs GKN, which I quite enjoy."

Sir David, who is close to his children, Jeremy, Virginia and Justin, and to his brothers, says: "I enjoy my family, but I really enjoy my work."

He retires from GKN in just over five years. He is not looking forward to retirement. Lady Lees says: "He will be an absolute pain if he doesn't have enough to do when he retires. He's very much a doer."

In addition to his Bank of England directorship, which takes up an hour a week, Sir David is a non-executive director of Courtaulds. He enjoys the Thursday meetings at the Bank.

He is keen on golf and walking. He enjoys classical music and dabbles in the stock market.

He has had some success backing theatre productions. "*Evita*, *Starlight Express* and *Me and My Girl* are the ones I brag about," he says. "But I backed an Australian comic doing a one-man show, which didn't last the week."

He admits to losing his temper on occasions. "I suppose I am intolerant and things annoy me. I hope I'm generous, because I think I am. I certainly think I'm honest."

Lady Lees says: "He is intolerant. I just answer him back. What would really annoy him? A stone in his lawnmower."

TEMPUS

Lowndes Lambert produces profits of premium quality

THOSE lucky investors who backed Lloyd Thompson when it came to the market in 1987, and have enjoyed the 120 per cent rise in the share price, are rubbing their hands with glee now shares in another insurance broker are being offered for sale.

Lowndes Lambert has an impressive profits record and its shares are reasonably priced, so the flotation should be a resounding success. Just to be sure, all the shares have been placed with institutions, with up to 40 per cent of the issue then available in the offer for sale through a clawback arrangement.

The company's accounts, however, warrant further examination. The listing particulars make it clear that Lowndes' core broking operations have been losing money for years. Instead, the company makes all its profits on investment income from the cash it receives from clients to pay premiums.

Shaw: cutting core costs

The situation has at least been improving. Two years ago, the company's expenses totalled 108 per cent of its broking income. Last year, the ratio had been reduced to a more manageable 102 per cent. Even so, this makes Lowndes only the second quoted broker, after CE Heath, to rely on investment profits.

As a result, profit growth could be stunted in the medium term if interest rates decline and stay low. Lowndes will also find it hard to reduce costs in an insurance market where premiums are rising and risks are more difficult to place.

This, however, is the only niggle with a company that has not looked back after its management buyout from Hill Samuel in 1988. The recovery in the insurance market will more than compensate for Lowndes' lack of core profitability in the short-term. Barclays de Zoete Wedd expects profits to rise from £7.36 million in the year to end-March to £9.2 million in the current year and £11.8 million in 1992-93.

The offer price puts the shares on a price earnings ratio of 12 on this year's profits, at the bottom of the sector along with Hogg Group. This should produce a decent premium when dealings start on July 29. Investors should apply now, but Richard Shaw, the chief executive, still has the task of hauling the broking business into the black.

Blenheim

BLENHEIM's acquisition of one of America's largest jewellery exhibition businesses may be enterprising, but the more significant news in yesterday's announcement was the emergence of Phénix, a French group, as key shareholder and future partner.

Phénix, controlled by Compagnie Générale des Eaux, which signalled its intention by picking up a 4 per cent stake a week ago and by agreeing to absorb the vendor placing, will lift its stake to 11.77 per cent.

At first glance, the deal would appear to have the hallmarks of a typically stealthy French takeover, but Phénix has allowed itself to be bound by a 20 per cent limitation on its shareholding. That understood, it would be odd indeed if Blenheim and Phénix, which has interests in hotels and exhibition halls, could not find mutual advantage in getting closer.

If anything, the deal strengthens Blenheim's defences against aggressive bidders. The 12.2 per cent stake acquired by Ziff Communications in May is diluted to 11.2 per cent.

In paying a 10 per cent premium to the market price, the French are underlining a growing belief in the market that shares in Blenheim, which next year will be generating 80 per cent of its business outside the UK, are cheap. James Capel expects profits of £45 million for the 16 months to December next year, which, at 930p, suggests a multiple of just 12.5.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

British Gas set to cut prices for big users

BRITISH Gas is set to submit revised tariffs to Ofgas, the industry regulator, aimed at settling a four-month battle over price increases for power stations. The proposals are expected to result in the 35 per cent price rise announced by British Gas in March being cut by as much as two thirds.

The breakthrough comes after a series of meetings this week between British Gas and regulators. A solution to the dispute would remove the uncertainty that has stalled progress on a series of private sector gas-fired power station projects. Coryton Cogen and Thames Power, two would-be generating companies, have taken out protective writs to try to force British Gas to sell them fuel at pre-increase prices.

Offer made for Bexbuild

PHILIP Shapiro, chairman, and Anthony Dean Smith, a director, have increased their shareholding in Bexbuild Developments, the property investment company, by 10.6 per cent to 55.3 per cent. They have also made a mandatory cash offer of 55p a share for the ordinary shares they do not already own.

CCS shares suspended

SHARES in CCS Group, a building sub-contractor that is quoted on the Unlisted Securities Market, were suspended at 2p after the Midland Bank was asked to appoint receivers to its loss-making Midlands division. The company, formerly known as Bluemel, cancelled an interim dividend of 0.2p this year.

Sir Ron Brierley sells

SIR Ron Brierley has sold about a third of his holding in Brierley Investments Ltd, the company he founded 30 years ago. The 25 million shares sold are about 1.6 per cent of BIL's capital. The New Zealand businessman said: "Anyone can see that the shares hadn't performed over the past two years in the way they did in earlier years."

He would not comment on the rumoured price of NZ$1.25 (43p) a share. The sale formed the main part of a 28 million share purchase by Temasek, the Singapore government agency, this week.

BBEA drops into loss

THE recession in the building industry has hit British Building and Engineering Appliances, the building equipment manufacturer and hirer. The company made a pre-tax loss of £575,000 in the year to April 4, compared with a profit of £324,000. The final dividend has been scrapped, leaving the total at 0.5p (2.5p).

CPU passes dividend

CPU Computers, a distributor of computer peripheral equipment, is not paying a dividend for last year (0.62p) after taxable profits fell from £534,000 to £9,000. There was a loss of 0.46p a share (earnings of 1.23p). Turnover rose from £60.45 million to £74.72 million. CPU expects a loss in the first six months of the current year.

BAA traffic falls 7%

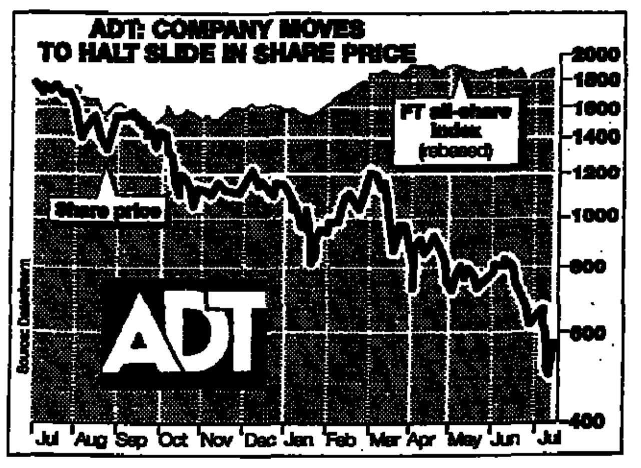
BAA airports handled 6.5 million passengers in June, down 7 per cent on the year. Domestic traffic stayed weak, falling 7.6 per cent, but the fall of 7.4 per cent in European scheduled traffic was an improvement on the 8.4 per cent drop in May.

Charter traffic was level with that of last year by end-June after a 6 per cent fall over the month, half the level of May's fall. North Atlantic traffic fell 11.4 per cent, after a 6 per cent fall in May. Other long-haul routes saw an overall fall of 1.6 per cent, but some routes were running ahead of last year's levels. At Stansted, scheduled traffic was up 42 per cent.

STOCK MARKET

Shares end lower as rate cut fails to satisfy City

ADT: COMPANY MOVES TO HALT SLIDE IN SHARE PRICE



INTEREST rates may be coming down — but not fast enough, judging by the reaction of the equity market to yesterday's half-point reduction. Some market bulls had been forecasting a cut of at least one percentage point.

Dealers claimed that the reduction to 11 per cent had already been discounted. City experts gave a warning to investors last night that it could be a long time before the next reduction.

As a result, the two-week account ended on a dull note with few reports of buying for the next account, starting on Monday. Sentiment was affected by a disappointing set of June inflation figures. The FT-SE 100 index closed 13.1 down at 2,497.4, a rise on the account of 83 points. The FT index of 30 shares also eased 2.7 to 1,925.7, with 445 million shares changing hands.

Gilts suffered falls of £½ at the longer end as the Bank of England issued several taplets worth £750 million.

Among the leaders, ICI slipped 16p to £12.82 on profit-taking, while the **Rank Organisation** fell 27p to 636p as analysts began downgrading the full-year figures after the disappointing interim results announced on Thursday. **Reuters** rose 19p to 811p with investors cheered by its attempt to break the monopoly of the rival Telerate in coverage of American bonds.

Warburg Securities is the latest broker to downgrade profits of **Pearson**, 3p better at 709p. Warburg has cut its forecast for this year by £11 million to £175 million and for next time by £10 million to £215 million.

Drinks shares received a much-needed boost from a bullish review of the sector by BZW. Top of its buy list is **Grand Metropolitan**, 10p better at 777p, and **Guinness**, 7p dearer at 963p.

Water shares saw nervous selling before becoming fully-paid on Monday. There were losses for **Northumbrian**, 1p to 285p, **North West**, 1p to 279p, **Severn Trent**, 3p to 246p, **Southern**, 1p to 237p, **South West**, 3p to 267p, **Thames**, 6p to 278p, **Welsh**, 3p to 284p, **Wessex**, 5p to 307p, and **Yorkshire**, 5p to 290p.

BP firmed another 1p to 346p after a City presentation for analysts to discuss its upstream activities.

Lex Service, the car distributor, eased 2p to 193p as James Capel, the broker, placed a line of 6 million shares at about 190p.

ADT, the security and car auctions group, recovered most of Thursday's plunge of 130p, closing 90p higher at 570p. The fall stemmed from a claim by Laidlaw, ADT's 28 per cent shareholder, that its own third-quarter profits had been hit by absorbing its $15.1 million share of a loss in ADT's 1991 operations. But ADT said that it was not consulted about the statement and says the figure reflects an extraordinary item relating to 1990. ADT reports that its core businesses are all operating profitably and are meeting expectations.

BPB Industries, the plasterboard manufacturer, jumped 7p to 181p in response to a buy recommendation from UBS Phillips & Drew.

Brent Walker rose 4p to 29p after two more banks agreed to support plans for the restructuring of its debts.

MICHAEL CLARK

FT-SE 100 VOLUMES

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
Abbey Nat	2,289	Cadbury	1,896	Lonrho	1,695	Royal Bank	1,671
Alld-Lyons	1,278	CU	756	Lucas	2,146	Royal Ins	889
Anglian	786	Courtaulds	1,934	M&S	3,630	Sainsbury	397
ASDA	6,821	Enterprise	616	Maxwell Cm	713	Scot & N	1,058
AB Foods	238	Eurotunnel	617	MEPC	531	Scot Powr	13,031
Argyll	1,720	Fisons	513	Midland	1,550	Sears	1,975
Arjo Wigg	416	Forte	844	Natl Power	3,148	Severn Trnt	1,200
BAA	1,814	Gen Acc	878	Nat West	2,061	Shell	2,165
BET	861	GEC	7,434	N W Water	1,100	Smith & N	1,359
BTR	1,837	Glaxo	2,254	P&O	1,197	SK Beech	1,602
BAT	898	Grand Met	3,271	Pearson	127	Sun Allnce	492
Barclays	653	GUS 'A'	148	Pilkington	1,361	Tarmac	855
Bass	271	GRE	2,401	PowerGen	2,692	Tate Lyle	736
BICC	285	Guinness	1,657	Prudential	1,726	TSB	647
Bk Scotlnd	1,893	Hanson	3,265	Racal	3,374	Tesco	852
Blue Circle	2,726	Hawker	506	Rank	1,212	Thames Wtr	2,800
BOC	1,118	Hillsdown	2,196	R&C	75	Thorn EMI	746
Boots	1,249	ICI	1,125	Redland	487	Trafalgar	1,720
Br Aero	1,228	Inchcape	528	Reed	753	Ultramar	287
Br Airways	2,201	Kingfisher	1,064	Rentokil	281	Unilever	2,623
Br Gas	11,360	Lasmo	941	Reuters	496	United Bis	5,086
Br Petrol	7,579	Ladbroke	3,917	RMC Gp	114	Wellcome	694
Br Steel	8,117	Land Sec	485	RTZ	1,271	Whitbrd	388
Br Telecm	8,141	L&G	708	R-Royce	6,865	Williams	833
C&W	1,212	Lloyds	1,467	Rothmans 'B'	275	Wills Cor	801

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
July 8	July 19	October 10	October 21

Call options were taken out on: 12/7/91 ADT, Aitken Hume, Cannon Street Invst, Conroy Petroleum, Davy Corp, Explaura.

Puts: ADT, J England.

Puts & Calls: ADT, Beazer.

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

Aberforth Smlr (100p)	117	Greenwich Res	19
Aberforth Split (100p)	104	Headline Book (100p)	123
Alliance Res	22	Manchester Utd (385p)	287
Brabant Res (155p)	117	Mirror Group (125p)	95
Capital Ventures	106	Miskin Grp	15
Contra-Cyclical (100p)	105	Moorgate Smlr Cos (100p)	105
Drayton Blue Chip (100p)	99½ −½	Oryx Gold	281
EFM Inc Tst (65p)	66½ −½	Pelican Grp	18
Eidos	46	Resort Hotels	71½
East Germany Inv (100p)	107	Smaller Inv Tst (500p)	66
Etonbrook	63 +3	Standard Platform (225p)	105
Eurocamp	227 −1	Sterling Tst	45
Faber Prest	181	Tollgate	95 +5
Geared Inc (100p)	105	Trio Inv Tst (50p)	38
Greencore	205 −8	Unichem	153 −3

MAJOR INDICES

New York:
Dow Jones .... 2960.20 (+0.45)*
S&P Composite .... 377.33 (+0.36)*
Tokyo:
Nikkei Average .. 23137.78 (+199.86)
Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 3915.17 (+23.05)
FT-SE Euro 100........ 1107.36 (−2.52)
Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency .... 93.5 (−0.1)
Sydney: AO .... 1531.9 (−2.2)
Frankfurt: DAX ...... 1644.76 (+6.91)
Brussels:
General .... 5754.39 (+0.27)
Paris: CAC .... 468.32 (+1.32)
Zurich: SKA Gen .... 541.3 (+3.1)
London:
FT.—A All-Share .... 1193.62 (−4.66)
FT.— "500" .... 1326.54 (−4.35)
FT. Gold Mines .... 214.0 (−8.8)
FT. Fixed interest .... 93.79 (−0.04)
FT. Govt Secs .... 84.78 (−0.14)
Bargains 31213
SEAQ Volume 445.3m
USM (Datastream) ..... 126.27 (−0.68)

*Denotes latest trading price

WALL STREET

New York

SHARES were firm in mid-morning trading but blue chip issues lost most of their early gains despite continued strength in the bond market. The Dow Jones industrial average was up 4 points at 2,963.75 after being 16 ahead at one stage.

☐ Tokyo — The market closed with moderate gains in thin trading. The Nikkei index was up 199.86 points at 23,137.78, with only 220 million shares traded. *(Reuter)*

UNIT LINKED INSURANCE INVESTMENTS

The prices in this section refer to Thursday's trading

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Portfolio PLATINUM

From your Portfolio Platinum card check your eight share price movements on this page only. Add these prices to your running total for the week and check this against the weekly dividend figure on this page. If it matches this figure, you have won outright or a share of the total weekly prize money stated. If you win, follow the claim procedure on the back of your card. You must always have your card available when claiming. Game rules appear on the back of your card.

No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Merivale Moore	Property	
2	Utd Biscuits	Foods	
3	Brammer	Industrials A-D	
4	Vibroplant	Building,Roads	
5	Westpac	Banks,Discount	
6	Euro Leisure	Leisure	
7	Kleen-EZe	Industrials E-K	
8	Provident	Banks,Discount	
9	General Motor	Motors,Aircraft	
10	Johnson Matthey	Industrials E-K	
11	Chesterfield	Property	
12	St Ives Gp	Paper,Print,Adv	
13	Utd Scientific	Electricals	
14	Warburg SG	Banks,Discount	
15	Reed Int	Newspapers,Pub	
16	Life Sciences	Electricals	
17	Allied-Lyons	Breweries	
18	Oil Search	Oil,Gas	
19	HSBC	Banks,Discount	
20	Broken Hill	Industrials A-D	
21	Land Sec	Property	
22	WPP	Paper,Print,Adv	
23	Swire Pacific 'A'	Industrials S-Z	
24	Salvesen (Chstn)	Foods	
25	Jardine Math	Industrials E-K	
26	Linread	Industrials L-R	
27	Brixton	Property	
28	BAT	Tobaccos	
29	Menzies (John)	Drapery,Stores	
30	Kingfisher	Drapery,Stores	
31	Yorkshire Chem	Chemicals,Plas	
32	Park Foods	Foods	
33	BWI	Industrials A-D	
34	Utd Newspapers	Newspapers,Pub	
35	ASDA Group	Foods	
36	FKI	Electricals	
37	Campari	Leisure	
38	Br Petroleum	Oil,Gas	
39	Baker Harris	Property	
40	More O'Ferrall	Paper,Print,Adv	
41	Boots	Industrials A-D	
42	Granada	Industrials E-K	
43	Pearson	Newspapers,Pub	
44	Hutchsn Whampoa	Industrials E-K	
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Please take into account any minus signs

Weekly Dividend

Please make a note of your daily totals for the weekly dividend of £4,000 in today's newspaper.

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Weekly Total

There were no valid claims for the Portfolio Platinum prize yesterday. The £4,000 will be added to Monday's competition.

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Shares drift lower

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began July 1. Dealings ended yesterday. §Contango day Monday. Settlement day July 22.
§Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

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BRITISH FUNDS

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ELECTRICITY

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TEXTILES

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TRANSPORT

WATER

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
314	261	Anglian Water	276	280	● –	23.3	8.6	7.4
339	256	Northumbrian	283	287	● -1	24.8	7.0	5.4
316	251	North West	277	281	● -1	24.0	8.9	6.4
303½	226	Severn Trent	244	248	● -3	23.4	7.4	4.9
300	221	Sthn Water	235	239	● -1	23.6	7.7	5.7
327	238	South West	264	270	● -3	26.7	7.9	5.1
323	253	Thames Water	276	280	● -6	23.3	6.7	6.9
339	269	Welsh Water	281	287	● -3	26.0	7.3	4.3
388	255	Wessex Water	303	310	● -5	23.6	8.3	6.5
330	284	Yorkshire Water	287	294	● -5	23.6	8.6	6.9
£1338	£1000	Package Unit	£2729		● -£28			

● Ex dividend a Ex all b Forecast dividend e Interim payment passed f Price at suspension g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment k Pre-merger figures n Forecast earnings o Ex other r Ex rights s Ex scrip or share split t Tax-free .. No significant data.

THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL Tel: 0345 717373 (Lo/line)				
Masterfd Acc	88.91	86.10●	+0.68	2.12
Ind	63.27	67.68	-0.25	1.50
Div/Gth	48.12	51.19●	+0.33	5.86
Global Gth Sec	51.58	54.81	+0.23	1.82
Ethical	48.52	51.60●	+0.18	3.26
High Inc Equity	134.8	143.3●	+1.0	5.93
W'wide Bond	209.2	*221.7	-0.7	6.77
Gilt/Fixed	112.2	119.0●	+0.8	9.86
ASTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
10, Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ Tel: 0224 633070 dealing (Freephone) 0800 833580				
30, Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7QQ Tel: 071-374 8801				
Am Inc/Gth	31.87	33.80	+0.34	2.85
Euro	71.89	76.28	+0.28	0.30
Euro Inc	74.53	78.63●	+0.17	1.56
Exempt	745.3	780.9●	+10.9	5.31
Extra Inc	38.42	41.47●	+0.29	5.98
F/E Emerg Ec	52.77	58.75●	-1.32	1.13
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS				
Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL Tel: 0793 514514 Dealing 0793 610366				
High Inc	347.3	369.8	+0.1	5.51
Equity Inc	186.0	198.0●	+1.3	5.40
High Yield	201.2	214.2	+0.7	5.18
Balanced	528.3	562.6●	+2.8	3.27
Am Inc	35.15	37.43	-0.58	4.25
World Ass Val	32.60	34.71	-0.49	1.81
Japan	142.9	151.3	+1.3	0.01
Sec of Am	314.7	335.1●	+8.5	0.01
BARCLAYS UNICORN				
Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7 Tel: 081-534 5544				
Capital	89.11	95.57	+1.01	3.64
Euro Gth Inc	93.06	99.28	+1.31	1.46
Extra Inc	93.24	99.72	+0.83	6.46
General	197.6	211.8	+1.9	3.93
Gt/Fxd Income	51.11	52.97●	+0.46	10.04
Inc Trust	427.9	457.7c	+8.1	6.35

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ Tel: 0242 577555				
Oriental Op Acc	64.45	68.56	-0.80	1.24
Japanese	55.38	58.92	+0.54	0.00
UK Balan Inc	94.28	100.3●	+1.69	3.49
Do Acc	106.5	113.3●	+1.2	3.48
UK Gth Accum	155.1	165.0	+1.2	2.17
UK Hi Inc	111.4	118.5	+1.4	5.87
UK Hi Inc Acc	119.6	127.2	+1.4	5.87
N Amer Acc	82.30	87.65●	+1.88	1.04
Euro Acc	104.8	111.5	+1.2	0.25
UK Pref/Fi Inc	54.04	57.33●	+0.55	8.20
Do Acc	77.45	82.10●	+0.81	8.23
Intl Sp S Acc	41.40	44.04	+0.29	0.65
Environtl Opp	52.72	56.09	+0.22	1.43
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
41, Harrington Gardens London SW7 4JU Tel: 071-373 7261				
Endurance	147.3	156.7	+1.3	1.87

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUST LTD				
10 Fenchurch St London EC3 Tel: 071-956 6506 Dealing 071-956 7364				
Income Trusts				
Cash Accum**	61.38	61.53●	+0.10	11.73
Extra Inc	47.82	50.88●	-0.02	6.99
Gilt Yield Inc	105.5	112.4●	+0.3	9.35
Global Inc	167.5	178.2	+2.5	4.49
High Yield Inc	113.5	120.7●	+0.2	6.20
PPP Inc	9.24	9.83●	+0.08	5.89
Smll Cos Div	36.21	38.52	-2.65	7.27
Capital Growth Trusts				
Am Smlr Co	71.05	75.59	-0.68	0.32
N Amer	61.79	65.73	+0.48	1.27
Euro Inc	109.8	116.8●	+0.2	0.79
Euro Spec Inc	74.69	79.46●	-1.51	1.25
FO Invst Tst	26.76	28.46	-0.08	2.81
General Inc	236.4	251.5●	-1.1	3.78
Intl Recov	107.7	114.0●	+2.2	1.78
Jap Inc	368.3	391.8	-5.5	0.00
Jap Spec	199.3	212.0	-5.5	0.00
Master Acc	197.1	209.7	-3.7	1.05
Pacific Inc	204.0	217.0	-2.5	0.38
Smlr Cos Inc	79.55	84.63●	-0.92	4.36
UK Eq Gth Inc	28.2	30.0	-0.7	3.63

Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return) ● Ex dividend. c Cum dividend. k Cum stock split. s Ex stock split. m Cum all (any two or more of above). a Ex all (any two or more of above). Dealing or valuation days: (1) Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday. (4) Thursday. (5) Friday.

UNLISTED SECURITIES

1991 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
27	13	Spectrakeys	18	20	..	..	..	..
45	31	Stainless Metal	30	33	..	1.3e	4.1	..
128	42	Stanhope Props	40	44	-4	0.1	0.2	8.5
77	25	Sterling Pub	25	30	..	3.3	11.6	2.3
58	27	Sterling Tst	43	47	..	5.3	11.6	5.8
21	12	Sunleigh Elect	13	16	..	..	..	..
52	38	Sutherland	50	53	..	2.1	4.0	..
104	75	Synapse Comp	97	105	..	4.5	4.5	..
8	6	TDS Circuits	4	7	..	..	..	..
43	18	TLS Range	19	21	..	2.4	12.0	4.5
350	195	TMD Advert	320	330	..	8.4	2.6	15.6
217	133	TV-am	150	155	-2	18.7	12.2	8.2
31	16	Taskin	18	22	..	..	..	10.9
77	67	Tinsley (Eliza)	63	70	..	6.9	10.3	8.1
70	40	Titan	65	70	..	4.0	5.9	12.6
41	28	Torex Hire	25	30	..	..	..	8.9
15	10	Total Systems	13	16	..	..	..	20.3
4½	1½	Trafalgar	1½	2	..	..	..	..
133	79	Transworld	87	92	+2	..	..	..
91	58	Treat	73	78	..	4.3	5.7	10.4
98	42	Trencherwood	38	45	..	..	..	..
53	35	Trevian Hldgs	33	38	..	..	..	2.6
21	10	Trilion	12	14	..	0.7	5.4	..
5	1	Tubular Edgin	1	1½	..	..	..	3.9
31	22	Tudor	28	33	..	3.6	11.6	9.4
145	80	Unit Group	75	85	..	..	..	9.0
68	36	Usher (Frank)	34	37	..	6.0	18.7	3.2
9	3	Venture Pkwd	5	6½	..	..	..	6.2
63	63	VTR Plc	60	65	..	4.5	7.1	8.0
16	8½	Vistec	11	12	..	0.3	2.6	12.1
14	8	Walpar	9½	11	..	..	..	22.8
78	55	Wareham	65	70	-1	4.7	6.9	19.6
16	12	Wentworth	12	15	..	..	..	4.6
44	30	Wescol	38	39	..	..	..	21.3
6½	3	Westport	3½	4	..	..	..	..
52	21	West Scaffold	18	23	..	2.7	12.9	26.3
32	7	Whartdale	28	30	..	..	..	90.6
34	27	Whitney Mackay	25	28	..	1.3	4.6	9.7
95	50	Wood John D & Co	67	75	..	2.9	4.1	20.1
38	15	Wid of Leather	30	35	..	..	..	..
187	121	Wyevale	165	182	..	4.5	2.6	16.6
66	48	Wyko	45	50	..	3.7	7.7	11.0
7	2½	XCL Service	2½	3½	..	..	..	..
7	5	Xtra-vision	3	7	..	..	..	..
133	120	Young Group	120	125	..	6.9	5.6	13.7

● Ex dividend a Ex all b Forecast dividend e Interim payment passed f Price at suspension g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment h Pre-merger figures n Forecast earnings o Ex other r Ex rights s Ex scrip or share split t Tax-free .. No significant data.

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was up at 90.4 (day's range 89.6-90.4).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for July 12	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	3.3119-3.3225	3.3188-3.3225	⅝-½pr	1⅝-1⅜pr
Brussels	60.49-60.79	60.59-60.79	13-9pr	29-24pr
Copenhagen	11.3689-11.4183	11.3949-11.4183	1⅞-1⅝pr	4⅝-3⅞pr
Dublin	1.1013-1.1023	1.1013-1.1023	19-13pr	39-29pr
Frankfurt	2.9459-2.9529	2.9496-2.9529	⅝-½pr	1⅝-1¼pr
Lisbon	253.45-255.39	254.32-255.29	107-173ds	225-318ds
Madrid	184.30-185.42	184.84-185.42	14-31ds	53-75ds
Milan	2188.75-2199.06	2194.43-2199.06	par-1ds	2-4ds
Montreal	1.8451-1.8904	1.8868-1.8904	0.40-0.33pr	0.73-0.65pr
New York	1.6065-1.6460	1.6450-1.6460	0.68-0.67pr	1.88-1.86pr
Oslo	11.4661-11.5105	11.4870-11.5105	1⅛-⅞pr	2⅜-1⅞pr
Paris	9.9844-10.0126	9.9983-10.0126	1-⅞pr	3⅛-2⅝pr
Stockholm	10.6304-10.6875	10.6645-10.6875	⅞-⅝pr	1⅜-⅝pr
Tokyo	222.82-225.67	225.38-225.67	⅝-⅜pr	1⅝-1⅜pr
Vienna	20.70-20.77	20.74-20.77	4-3pr	9⅛-6⅞pr
Zurich	2.5511-2.5596	2.5530-2.5562	⅝-⅜pr	1⅝-1⅜pr

Source: Extel *Premium = pr. Discount = ds.*

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	16264.0-16301.3
Australia dollar	2.1316-2.1349
Bahrain dinar	0.602-0.610
Brazil cruzeiro *	531.52-532.51
Cyprus pound	0.788-0.798
Finland markka	7.0525-7.1125
Greece drachma	320.40-323.60
Hong Kong dollar	12.6650-12.6745
India rupee	41.41-41.81
Kuwait dinar KD	n/a
Malaysia dnggit	4.5605-4.5683
Mexico peso	4800-4900
New Zealand dollar	2.9163-2.9234
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.99-6.07
Singapore dollar	2.8715-2.8782
S Africa rand (fin)	5.0322-5.1136
S Africa rand (com)	4.7115-4.7194
U A E dirham	5.8825-5.9425

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.3005-1.3017
Austria	12.86-12.88
Belgium (Com)	37.04-37.08
Canada	1.1480-1.1485
Denmark	6.9600-6.9700
France	6.1000-6.1050
Germany	1.7980-1.8000
Hong Kong	7.7652-7.7662
Ireland	1.4790-1.4805
Italy	1337.5-1339.5
Japan	137.90-138.00
Malaysia	2.7825-2.7855
Netherlands	2.0220-2.0240
Norway	7.0200-7.0300
Portugal	155.70-155.90
Singapore	1.7520-1.7550
Spain	112.90-113.05
Sweden	6.5100-6.5200
Switzerland	1.5590-1.5600

TREASURY BILLS: Applcts: £1,537m allotted: £500m; Bids: £97.380% received: 44%; Last week: £97.335% received: 14%; Avge rate: £10.4839% last wk £10.6714%; Next week: £500m.

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 11 Finance Hse 11½

Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 12 Low 10½ Week fixed: 11

Treasury Bills (Dis): Buying: 2 mth 10²³⁄₃₂; 3 mth 10⁹⁄₁₆ . Selling: 2 mth 10²¹⁄₃₂; 3 mth: 10½ .

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	10¹³⁄₁₆-10¾	10²³⁄₃₂-²¹⁄₃₂	10¹⁹⁄₃₂-10½	10⅜-10⁵⁄₁₆	
Sterling Money Rates:	11⅛-11	11⅛-11	11¹⁄₁₆-11	10⅞-10⅝	10¹¹⁄₁₆-⁹⁄₁₆
Interbank:	11⅛-11¹⁄₁₆	11⅛-11¹⁄₁₆	11¹⁄₁₆-11	10⅞-10¹³⁄₁₆	10¾-10¹¹⁄₁₆
(Overnight: open 11⅛, close 12 .)					
Local Authority Deps:	11⅛	n/a	10¹⁵⁄₁₆	10¾	10⁹⁄₁₆
Sterling CDs:	11¹⁄₁₆-11	11¹⁄₃₂-10³¹⁄₃₂	10³¹⁄₃₂-10⅞	10¾-10⅝	10⅝-10½
Dollar CDs:	6.00-5.95	6.02-5.97	6.05-6.00	6.32-6.27	6.72-6.67
Building Society CDs:	11⅛-11	11¹⁄₁₆-11	11-10¹⁵⁄₁₆	10¹³⁄₁₆-10¾	10²¹⁄₃₂-10⅝

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	5¹⁵⁄₁₆-5⁷⁄₁₆	6-5¹³⁄₁₆	6⅛-5¹⁵⁄₁₆	6⁷⁄₁₆-6¼	5¾-5
Deutschemark:	8¹³⁄₁₆-¹¹⁄₁₆	8⅞-8¾	9⅛-9	9⅛-9⅛	8¾-7½
French Franc:	9⅝-9⅜	9⅛-9	9⅛-9	9⅛-9⅛	9⅛-8⅞
Swiss Franc:	7¹³⁄₁₆-¹¹⁄₁₆	7⅝-7⅜	7¹⁵⁄₁₆-¹³⁄₁₆	7¹⁵⁄₁₆-¹³⁄₁₆	8-7
Yen:	7⅜-7⅛	7⅜-7⅛	7⅜-7⅛	7⅜-7⅛	7⅛-6⅞

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS *(Baird & Co)*

Bullion: Open $367.75-368.25 Close: $367.80-368.30 High: $368.00-368.50 Low: $365.60-366.10 Krugerrand: $367.25-368.25 (£223.00-224.00)

Sovereigns: Old $86.50-87.50 (£52.25-53.25) New $86.00-87.00 (£52.00-53.00)

Platinum: $374.35 (£229.75) Silver: $4.39 (£2.655) Palladium: $94.65 (£58.10)

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100 Previous open interest: 31066	Sep 91	2537.0	2549.0	2527.0	2537.0	5245
	Dec 91	2573.0	2575.5	2573.0	2577.0	27
	Mar 92					0
Three Month Sterling Previous open interest: 117736	Sep 91	89.57	89.58	89.40	89.42	38054
	Dec 91	89.98	89.94	89.76	89.80	12873
	Mar 92	90.05	90.07	89.91	89.97	4096
Three Month Eurodollar Previous open interest: 29420	Sep 91	93.65	93.72	93.63	93.72	1669
	Dec 91	93.05	93.17	93.04	93.17	1694
Three Month Euro DM Previous open interest: 103263	Sep 91	90.80	90.86	90.76	90.85	19344
	Dec 91	90.78	90.84	90.76	90.82	7014
US Treasury Bond Previous open interest: 3824	Sep 91	93-17	93-31	93-09	93-27	1276
	Dec 91				93-04	0
Long Gilt Previous open interest: 33621	Sep 91	92-10	92-10	91-21	91-28	27661
	Dec 91				91-27	0
Japanese Govt Bond	Sep 91	95.19	95.35	95.18	95.33	984
	Dec 91				95.58	0
German Govt Bond Previous open interest: 75065	Sep 91	84.48	84.75	84.44	84.66	31605
	Dec 91	84.68	84.88	84.68	84.86	468
Three month ECU Previous open interest: 4536	Sep 91	90.24	90.31	90.24	90.29	532
	Dec 91	90.46	90.46	90.42	90.44	126

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1991 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
35	28	Independent Inv Co	28	30	-½	0.3	1.0	..
113	88½	Inv Cap	105	106	+½	6.7b	6.4	21.3
97	78	Ivory Sime Opt Inc	88	91●	..	9.3	10.3	11.9
145	130½	Ivory Sime 0% Pf	144	148	+1	..	..	..
161	125	Kleinwort Charter	151	153●	..	6.5	4.3	24.9
171	124	Kleinwort O'seas	164	166	..	4.3	2.6	48.0
124	90	Kleinwort Smaller	107	110	..	6.1	5.6	20.8
459	325	Law Debenture	455	460	..	21.3	4.7	25.0
301	233	Majedie	280	285	..	11.3	4.0	30.2
215	164	Merchants	200	202●	-1	13.3b	6.6	19.8
25½	10	Merrill Lynch	25½	..	+½	..	..	..
357	260	Monks Inv Tst	347	350●	+1	8.8	2.6	48.7
249	195	Murray Income	233	237●	..	12.9	5.5	23.0
229	178	Murray Intl	221	225●	-1	14.5	6.5	19.9
251	181½	Murray Small	243	245	..	4.5	1.8	78.7
247	188	Murray Venture	185	190	..	12.7	6.8	15.9
53	48	New Frontier	46	49	..	0.3	0.6	84.0
77½	62½	do 6½% Ls	71	76	..	6.50	8.8	..
121	95	Nrthrng Inc 83	118	113●	..	10.7	9.6	14.8
249	183	O'seas Inv Tst	240	245	+2	3.2	1.3	..
225	183	Pacific Assets	211	215	+1	1.2	0.6	72.4
9	2	Parkside Gp	5	7	..	..	..	..
56½	34	Personal Assets	55	57	..	2.0	3.6	37.1
105	85	RIT Cap Prtnrs	95	98	..	3.3	3.4	27.5
126	78	River & Merc	103	108	..	..	..	..
310	253	Robeco	300	310	..	..	..	..
352	285	Rolinco	300	310	..	..	..	..
19¼	16¼	Romelo	19¼	..	..	..	..	..
235	189	St Andrew Inv Tst	230	233	..	9.6b	4.1	31.5
170	134	Scottish	165	171●	+1	5.5	3.2	41.9
118½	82½	Scot American	110	111½	-½	5.3b	4.8	23.1
60	46	Scot Eastern	57½	58½	..	1.8	3.1	41.1
95	63	Scot Merc 'A'	87	89	..	4.6	5.2	25.1
155	114	Scot Mtge	150	151	-1½	4.9	3.3	34.0
11¾	682	Second Alliance	11½	11½	..	44.7	3.9	41.9
74	57½	Secs Tst of Scotland	72	73½	-½	4.1b	5.6	23.6
102	71	Selective Asset	92	95	..	1.0	1.1	47.7
33	22	Sphere Inv	28½	30	..	5.2s	17.6	8.0
325	254	Stad Bsed	280	302	..	16.3	5.5	16.6
94	56	TR Far East	90	93	+1	5.3b	5.8	17.2
117	80	TR City Of Lon	108	109½	..	5.9	5.4	25.3
88	49	TR Pacific	85	87	..	0.3	0.3	..
37	28	TR Property	28½	30●	..	1.9	6.4	28.4
52	20	TR Tech Inv	43	47	-2	2.1	4.7	14.4
142	98	TR Smlr Cos	126	128	..	4.5	3.5	34.2
273	210	Temple Bar	246	250	..	15.9	6.4	17.4
70	56	Thornton Asian Emg	65	68	..	0.7	1.0	..
64	45½	Throgmorton	56	58	..	2.9	5.1	31.3
300	260	Throg Dual	295	315	..	..	..	..
245	188	Tribune	240	244	..	7.9	3.3	31.0
185	133	USDC Investment	158	167	..	5.7	3.6	32.4
73	58	Value Inc Tst	63	65	-½	3.8b	5.6	15.5
120	98	Westpool	112	117	..	2.8	2.5	32.3
586	475	Witan/Fred Inv	523	530●	-1	18.5	3.5	37.5
163	125	Witan	156	157	..	6.3	4.0	28.9

COMMODITIES

LONDON FOX

COCOA		COFFEE		SUGAR (FOB) C Czarnikow	
Jul	586-582	Jul	543-541	Aug	236-234
Sep	609-608	Sep	564 BID	Oct	209-207
Dec	648-647	Nov	584-583	Dec	200-188
Mar	686-685	Jan	600-598	Mar	195-193
May	709-708	Mar	613-611	May	197.6-94.4
Jul	729-728	May	unq	Aug	200-196
Sep	749-748	Jul	unq		
Vol: 5556		Vol: 2833		Vol: 428	

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT Close (£/t)		BARLEY Close (£/t)		HI-PRO SOYA Close (£/t)	
Sep	112.00	Sep	109.80	Aug	126.00
Nov	115.25	Nov	113.50	Oct	126.80
Jan	118.95	Jan	116.95	Dec	130.50
Mar	122.30	Mar	119.40	Feb	133.50
May	125.50	May	121.25	Apr	134.60
Vol:	248	Vol:	8	Vol:	18

LONDON POTATO FUTURES Volume: 167

	Open	Close
Oct ($/tonne)	unq	75.0
Mar	112.0	114.0
Apr	108.5	108.0

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on July 12

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	62.32	126.34	108.96
(+/-)	-5.84	-3.08	+0.42
Eng/Wales:	62.32	126.48	108.17
(+/-)	-5.84	-3.53	+0.42
(%)	+0.6	-31.6	-3.1
Scotland:	n/a	125.55	114.43
(+/-)	n/a	+0.80	+0.28
(%)	n/a	-12.0	-1.3

* Estimated dead carcase weight

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (£/kg)

July	
Open:	unq
Close:	90.5
August	
Open:	unq
Close:	93.0
September	
Open:	96.0
Close:	96.0
Volume:	79

LONDON OIL REPORTS (ICIS-LOR) - London 6.00pm: Oil prices surged on fears that the US might attack Iraqi targets over the weekend.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	19.75	+0.55
Brent 15 day (Aug)	19.80	+0.60
Brent 15 day (Sep)	19.75	+0.45
W Texas Intermediate (Aug)	21.75	+0.45
W Texas Intermediate (Sep)	21.80	+0.40

PRODUCTS (Buy/sell $/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas :15	245 (+8)	247 (+5)
Gasoil EEC	188 (+6)	190 (+5)
Non EEC 1H Aug	191 (+7)	193 (+8)
Non EEC 1H Sep	191 (+6)	193 (+7)
3.5 Fuel Oil	68 (n/c)	69 (n/c)
Naphtha	186 (+2)	188 (+2)

IPE FUTURES

GAS OIL

Aug	188.50-88.25	Dec	189.50-89.25
Sep	187.25-87.00	Jan	187.00-86.00
Oct	188.00-87.25	Feb	unq
Nov	189.00-88.50		Vol: 6065

BRENT

Aug	19.70-19.75	Oct	19.65-19.70
Sep	19.65-19.75		Vol: n/a

BIFFEX
GNI Freight Futures Dry Cargo ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Jul 91	1480	1450	1480
Aug 91	1475	1445	1475
Oct 91	1550	1520	1550
Jan 92	1550	1520	1550

Vol: 527 lots Open interest: 1947
Dry cargo index 1561 -25

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE (Official) (Volume prev day)

	Cash	3mth	Rudolf Wolff Vol
Copper Gde A (£/tonne)	1363.5-1364.5	1374.0-1375.0	634575
Lead (£/tonne)	337.00-337.50	343.50-344.00	41525
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1062.0-1063.0	1070.0-1071.0	183450
Tin ($/tonne)	5645.0-5655.0	5740.0-5745.0	5890
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1308.0-1309.0	1339.0-1340.0	582225
Nickel ($/tonne):	8725.0-8750.0	8850.0-8860.0	14084

FOX MGMB INDEX (Spot prices)

	Bid	Offer
Jul	139.50	140.50
Aug	140.20	141.20
Sep	140.50	141.50
		Vol: 320

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WEEKEND MONEY

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Stand up and be counted

COMMENT

Lindsay Cook
WEEKEND MONEY EDITOR

Building society members are being given the opportunity to vote for a fairer way of setting savers' rates. Nationwide's 6 million members have until next Friday to send their postal votes to the society if they want it to treat existing investors as favourably as new ones.

A resolution to be heard at the society's annual meeting on July 26 calls for equal treatment for investors. It is up to the members to make their views heard. They can alter the policy of the Nationwide and possibly influence other societies. Unfortunately, apathy could rule the day.

The society points out that such a resolution would not be legally binding on the board. A large number of votes by the owners of the society against current policy would have to be borne in mind next time interest rates were changed.

Building society investors are notoriously apathetic. They put little value on their right to influence the way their savings or mortgages are dealt with. This could be because they assume it is a foregone conclusion that all the society's staff will be encouraged to vote against hostile resolutions and will outnumber the tiny number of real members who vote.

Those who do vote tend to support the society line, believing that the executives will know best, especially when, heaven forbid, an investor wants to join the board and stands against an existing director. Nationwide members will also have the chance to vote for a new director at their agm.

Nationwide members should, however, think about what the resolution would mean if won and enacted. It would give savers some peace of mind. They could put their money into an account and leave it there in the knowledge that it should remain competitive. They would be given the right to transfer to a new account with no penalty and have the higher rate of interest back-dated to the launch of the new account.

The proposer of the resolution, the Rev Vivian Singh, and thousands of other savers, were caught out when their 90-day account was closed to new customers last December and a new one was launched in its place. To transfer immediately to the new account and the higher interest rate meant that investors had to forfeit 90 days' interest.

Mr Singh has since campaigned through the letters column of Weekend Money to make the society change its policy. He and many other investors also complained to the building societies' ombudsman about the way the new account was launched at the expense of the old one. The ombudsman last month called on societies to keep savers informed by publishing interest rates for obsolete accounts, together with those they are still selling, when rates change.

Typically, societies slice as little as possible from their premium accounts. These are the ones attracting most money and can be readily compared with rival accounts.

Building societies have always operated like this. It is their way of attracting most money. Now, the members who own the Nationwide can have their say.

Banks code

Customers of banks frequently complain about cash machines. Two letters on this matter are typical.

One customer tried to withdraw £200 but the machine only issued £60. Despite his telling staff at the branch at the time, letters from the bank gave the customer the impression it thought he was lying.

The other tried to pay in £70 by placing an envelope in a machine, but the bank says it has no record. The customer, who has had a good relationship with the bank, now feels soiled by its attitude towards him.

In other cases, the families of people who lose cards or have them stolen, are the first suspects when an illicit withdrawal is made. Customers are also accused of being careless with their personal identification numbers.

This may all be about to change. The banks have finally agreed on a revised code of practice. It is being considered by the steering committee and should be published soon.

Customers will remain innocent until proved guilty. Banks will pay for losses through the fraudulent use of cash cards, unless they can prove the customer was negligent.

This should also help improve their attitude to customers in dispute over small amounts of money. They should also remember that few long-established customers are so desperate for £70 that they would go through an elaborate and lengthy fraud.

'Summer work is last hope' says NUS

Student debt mushrooms as holiday jobs vanish

By Liz Dolan

STUDENTS planning to repay end-of-term overdrafts by taking a holiday job are likely to end the summer even more deeply in debt than when they started. The National Union of Students (NUS) calculates that one third of those trying to find work during the long vacation will be unlucky.

Some Jobcentres are refusing even to take students on their books, the union says.

London temp agencies, normally one of the best sources of work, have not been able to find enough jobs for regulars, let alone this year's influx of students.

Calum Robson, of Brook Street Group, said: "We're obviously doing our best, but employers are tending to do without holiday cover, and there are also more skilled people than usual on our temporary force because of the recession."

Students are no longer the only people willing to do difficult jobs. "Our temps are much more flexible nowadays. People are prepared to do almost anything," Mr Robson added. Previously rich sources of holiday employment, such as restaurants, hotels and bars, are also cutting back heavily on staff. Forte, the hotels and Happy Eater, Welcome Break and Harvester restaurants group, said it was doing all it could to employ students, but admitted there were less opportunities this year.

Overseas jobs, such as grape picking, are described by the NUS as "a luxury rather than an income option".

Summer employment is the last hope for many students who, according to the NUS, are facing their worst financial situation for years. Income support and housing benefit for students were abolished with the advent of student loans last autumn. They were replaced by an "access fund" for cases of hardship.

The fund has been divided between all further education establishments in Britain, to be distributed by them as they see fit. Applications at Oxford, for example, had to be made by December for this academic year.

An NUS spokeswoman said: "The fund only totals £25 million, whereas students claimed £68 million worth of benefits in the previous year. There's just not enough money to go round.

"It's been chaotically distributed because the education department gave no guidelines as to how it should be paid out."

A spokeswoman from the department said that grants and loans in 1990-1 and 1991-2 represented a 30 per cent increase over 1989-90 over the two years.

Social security benefits were stopped because the new system was intended to finance students for the full 52 weeks, rather than 30 weeks, or 25 weeks for Oxford and Cambridge.

Only 30 per cent of students had so far applied for a loan, she added.

Students outside London, not living at home, who applied for a maximum £420 loan and whose parents made the necessary top-up contribution, received £2,685 in 1990-1.

On paper, this represents a 24.5 per cent increase over the previous year's grant to cover a period that is more than 70 per cent longer. The bulk of undergraduates spend about five months at home with their parents but "many of them still have to pay rent for the whole year," Sian Thomas, vice president (welfare) of Oxford University's students' union, pointed out. She maintains that students face particular hardship in high rent areas, like Oxford.

> *'There will be unoccupied seats next term unless the government comes up with something'*

"The average living-out rent last year was £190 a month, including bills. That's £2,280 a year before clothes, books, transport and other essentials."

The full pre-loan grant is £2,264. One in three lives outside college at any one time — a proportion that is growing.

The education department said that the 70 per cent who did not apply for a loan could have used the money to tide them over the summer.

A survey by the NUS discovered, however, that more than half of those who chose not to apply for a loan did so because they would still have been in debt. They said they would prefer to keep all their borrowings with one lender.

It is now too late to apply for a loan for this year. The deadline for application forms to reach the Student Loans Company in Glasgow is July 15. Ms Thomas says that every day she is turning away students who have asked for help too late.

The NUS calculates that student welfare officers received more than 200 calls on July 1 and 2 from students in serious financial difficulties.

"There will be a lot more unoccupied seats in lecture theatres next term unless the government comes up with something soon," the spokeswoman said.

National Westminster, the bank with the highest number of student accounts, reports that overdrafts to May, the latest month for which figures are available, had fallen only slightly, in a year when 30 per cent of them had also borrowed from the government.

The bank is braced for a sharp rise in student debt by December, when the full effect of the steep decline in summer jobs will be felt in end-of-term overdrafts.

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Young earners: Clinton and Renée Gachette

Child models cash in on their looks

CLINTON Gachette, aged 13, has been modelling since he was seven, when a photographer friend of his mother suggested he should go to a casting session (Liz Dolan writes).

Irene Gachette, his mother, said: "He got the job — in an American toy commercial — and had a great time." His sister, Renée, aged seven, has just started to follow in his footsteps. Jobs have ranged from modelling for an Argos catalogue to a new Persil advertisement, which begins shooting next week.

Mrs Gachette pays all their cheques into building society accounts, which they are not allowed to touch.

Photogenic children can make between £150 and £250 a day as photographic models, or up to £400 a day if they appear in television commercials. Chaperones, such as parents and nannies, get between £35 and £40 a session.

Kipsey, a former model who set up the Bruce & Brown child model agency three years ago, said: "There are average rates. But they may have to accept less at the moment because of the recession; or we could negotiate for more, depending on the client."

People aged over 16 are entitled to repeat fees for television commercials, but children are not. Teenagers between the ages of 13 and 15 receive a lot more work than their 16-plus colleagues because they are cheaper. Their pay is based on a complicated formula, involving factors such as whether commercials ever reach the screen and whether the child ends up on the cutting room floor.

Bruce & Brown charges a £25 registration fee, which includes an initial set of photographs. A few agencies charge even less, but others can charge £155 or more for the same service, sometimes including an annual repeat fee.

Work on overseas commercials can be lucrative. British children are often used for continental advertisements because regulations are not as tight in Britain.

Children involved in television and film work are governed by the children and young persons' acts of 1933 and 1953 and by the Children (Performances) Regulations 1908.

Child models who work in still photography and fashion shows are regulated by local by-laws. No child may work without the permission of the local authority.

Pupils break law to work in vacations

SCHOOLCHILDREN who have been through work experience recently may be breaking the law by attempting the same type of employment during school holidays (Lindsay Cook writes).

The number of pupils looking for work during the summer break is likely to be greater than ever. Some are wanting to help the family budget, while most are keen to earn money to buy the extras their families cannot afford. Many of them could be breaking employment laws, and, as a result, are not eligible for insurance while at work.

Local authorities report an increase in the number of employers applying to register youngsters for work. There has also been a rise in the number of prosecutions of bosses for allowing under 16s to work for too long, or for taking on children for jobs they are banned from doing.

An annual survey of children's pocket money and earnings undertaken by Gallup for Walls showed that youngsters' earnings had risen, on average, 37 per cent during last year. The 14 to 16 age group earns an average of £4.65 a week to supplement its pocket money. A number of those aged 11 to 13 interviewed, from a total of 306, also had earnings, although, by law, children should not work until they are 13. Some of the earnings reported will have been private enterprise, such as washing cars or shopping for neighbours.

Halifax Building Society's survey of young investors showed that just over a third had part-time jobs and earned a weekly average of £9.80.

A study published in March by the Low Pay Unit estimated that about 2 million children have jobs and that nearly three-quarters of them are employed illegally.

The report, based on the National Child Employment Study of 2,000 children in Birmingham schools, showed that 43 per cent of children between 10 and 16 have jobs. Newspaper delivery was the most common, accounting for 31 per cent. Cleaning, factory and shop work made up a further 32 per cent.

Ann Searle, principal officer of the child employment section of Birmingham City Council, said she was concerned about the amount of illegal work going on. Some of the problems arose when fourth-year pupils, who had been employed under a work experience scheme, were invited back during the holidays.

Because the rules for child employment are suspended for work experience, youngsters can take jobs that would otherwise be banned. In the holidays, however, they may be restricted to fewer hours for the same work.

Those aged under 15 are kept to a maximum of four hours a day, and to 24 hours in any week by many authorities. National laws restrict work to after 7am and before 7pm, with no more than two hours a day being allowed on school days or Sundays. During the holidays, five hours a day is the maximum.

Each local authority places further restrictions through by-laws. Any infringement of these regulations invalidates an employer's public liability insurance, which pays out if an employee is injured at work. All under 16s need to obtain a doctor's certificate that they are fit to do the work, and their employers need to notify the local authority of under-age employees.

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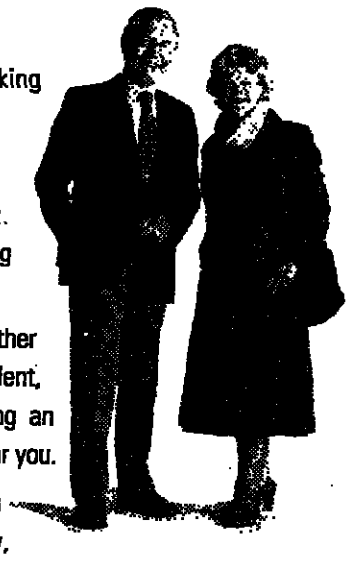

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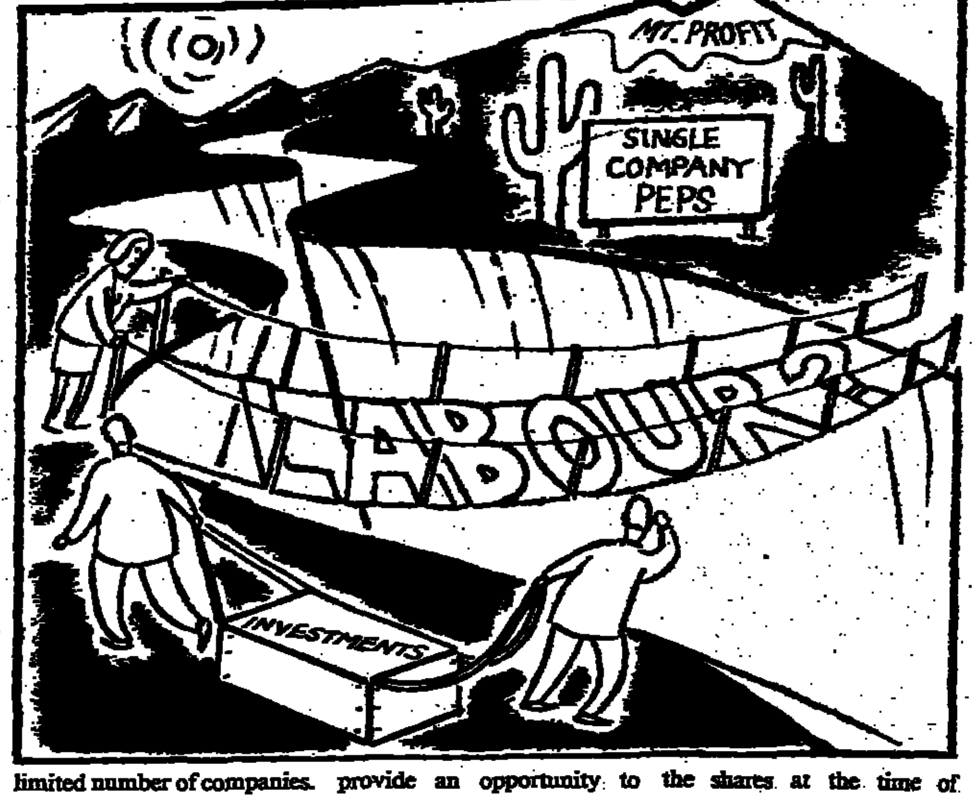
Plan managers worried by prospect of Labour rule

Cool reception for new Pep

By LINDSAY COOK
MONEY EDITOR



PAULA YOUENS

THE government's plans to make the new single company personal equity plans (Peps) as easy to deal in as unit trusts may be thwarted by the prospect of a Labour government. Plan managers say they are reluctant to invest in systems for the tax-free plans, due to be launched in January, for fear that they would be used only for a few months.

The rules for the single company personal equity plans encourage managers to allow switching from one company to another and suggest that discounts should be available for investors staying with the same fund manager.

The consultative paper issued by the Inland Revenue says: "We anticipate that plan managers offering a range of single company Peps will want to offer a cheaper and easier than usual transfer facility between plans (rather like unit trust managers offering the facility to switch between trusts in the same stable)."

The Labour party has told fund managers and the Unit Trust Association that it would not tax gains made in existing plans. The sale of new plans would be stopped by a Labour government and a scheme to encourage regional investment would replace it.

Mary Blair, executive director, product development, at Fidelity Investments, said: "We shall probably offer some kind of single share plan for a limited number of companies. Many of the big players will be considering how much investment they will want to make for systems for a product which may not exist if we have a Labour government."

Any authorised plan manager will be able to offer as many single company Peps in quoted shares as it wishes. It has not yet been decided whether investment trust shares or shares from outside the EC will qualify.

The new plans will not provide an opportunity to earn tax-free interest. Cash will have to be invested within six weeks by plan managers or the Pep will become void.

Employees will also be able to transfer shares that they have bought through all-employee profit sharing into single company plans. They will have to do this within 90 days of the shares being allocated. This means that shares issued after October 3 will be eligible.

The open-market value of the shares at the time of transfer will be used and not the value when they were acquired or the option price.

Plan managers had expected a restriction on how quickly the shares could be sold, but there is none. This increases the annual capital gains tax exemption for people with shares through their work. In addition to the annual exemption of £5,500, any profit on the £3,000 worth of shares transferred into a single company Pep will be exempt.

LETTERS

Greedy bank

From Dr Tony Greenfield

Sir, The base rate was 4 per cent when I first opened a current account 43 years ago. The manager of the bank (a rural branch of Westminster) assured me that if I were to have an overdraft I should pay 1 per cent above base rate. If I were to transfer money into a deposit account he would pay me 1 per cent below base rate.

I have received an invitation from Girobank to open a flexiplan account: a combined deposit and loan account. Loans would be secured by my agreement to transfer a fixed amount monthly from my current account. If I borrow I shall pay 29 per cent. But if I am in credit I shall receive 7 per cent. The greedy bank?

Yours faithfully,
TONY GREENFIELD,
23 Bradway,
Whitwell,
Hertfordshire.

Bequest correspondence evasive

From W.H.B. Murdoch

Sir, Mr Wheeler (Weekend Money letters, June 29) may consider himself lucky to be dealing with Barclays. In my case, Grindlays (now ANZ Grindlays) have been conducting an evasive correspondence for 15 years.

In 1976, this bank was appointed administrator of an estate comprising some cash and two parcels of tea shares. In March 1989, they wrote to the British executors asking for "authentic confirmation as to whether all the beneficiaries are still alive". In 1991, they sold most, not all, of the shares and placed the proceeds to "the deceased's current account". Although the accumulated dividends may, for all I know, exceed in value the original bequest none of us has yet received a penny.

Yours faithfully,
W.H.B. MURDOCH,
33 Higher Blandford Road,
Broadstone, Dorset.

THE VIEW FROM SAVE & PROSPER

UNITED KINGDOM
Market showing resilience.

- The recession is showing signs of deepening. One likely positive result is a lower rate of inflation in the UK than in Germany.
- Further interest rate cuts needed to kick-start the economy and stimulate some return in consumer confidence.
- General Election worries are beginning to overhang the market. There is some concern about the effect of Labour taxation policies on consumer spending.
- Market overall is showing resilience. Smaller company shares in particular could bounce sharply in fourth quarter 1991 as money goes into this sector.

Recommended Save & Prosper Funds: *Smaller Companies Income Fund* and *UK Smaller Companies Growth Fund* for revival of interest in smaller companies. Also consider *Save & Prosper's Managed Portfolio PEP* for tax-free investment.

UNITED STATES
Consolidation continues – start to buy for US economic recovery.

- The stronger tone of economic statistics, together with positive year on year comparisons will give the equity market the confidence to move ahead.
- Corporate profits have held up in this recession far better than in previous downturns, with overseas' earnings now accounting for 20% of US companies' earnings.
- Foreigners' holdings in US equities are underweight. Private pension funds are also $30 billion under their 1980s peak.

Recommended Save & Prosper Fund: *American Smaller Companies Fund* for renewal in outperformance by small companies, which still appear cheap.

JAPAN
Recent uncertainties provide excellent opportunities – buy.

- The reduction in the domestic interest rate of 0.5% came as a surprise to the market. We do not expect further cuts until the fourth quarter of 1991 at the earliest.
- There is a risk that the US dollar will remain strong against the yen, but there may be a move to cap dollar strength. When the yen rebounds we expect it to be quick.
- The market has been hit by a number of financial scandals. We expect it to take any further scandals in its stride.
- Inflation is now on a firm downward trend. Currently at 3.5%, we expect to see it fall to 2.0% by April 1992, allowing further cuts in interest rates to take place.

Recommended Save & Prosper Fund: *Japan Growth Fund* for outperformance by larger companies in a falling interest rate environment.

PACIFIC REGION
Excellent long-term potential – buy.

- The decision on the Hong Kong airport provided a positive boost to the market and we expect it to make strong gains.
- Malaysia forecasts 7% economic growth per annum over the next 10 years.
- We expect to see the Thai market stabilise at current levels after the recent falls. With a 1992 price earnings ratio of under 10x, it offers excellent long-term value.
- We have upgraded our investment opinion of Taiwan on the basis of a strong export performance in the first five months and better than expected corporate results.

Recommended Save & Prosper Funds: *South East Asia Growth Fund* and *Eastern Discovery Fund* for the region's long-term growth potential.

EUROPE
Good long-term opportunities.

- The Bundesbank is concerned about the prospect of rising inflation. While a rise in interest rates would make the markets nervous, it would not have a long-term detrimental effect.
- The Italian market has been under pressure after a government announcement which may force companies to revalue their property assets, resulting in a one-off tax charge.
- The pressure on the Franc and possible rise in German interest rates will prohibit a French interest rate cut in the near future.
- A price-earnings ratio of 10-12x makes Europe much cheaper than other major markets and it may be an excellent buy in a few months' time.

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Blacklist profiteers in Eurocheques

From Dr Brian W. Dennis

Sir, A Dutch couple recently bought some antique oriental rugs from my shop and paid £430 for them using a sterling Eurocheque. My bank (Lloyds) charged me £13.85 to handle the cheque — a sum I expected from previous experience. However, a few weeks later I received notification that Lloyds had debited my account with a further £46.89 "being the agents charges incurred in collecting the Eurocheque". Bank der Bundspaarbanken of Amsterdam charged me £14.80 and Algemini Bank Nederland NV, also of Amsterdam, charged me £30.50. I do not know who took the missing £1.59!

Three different banks took a total of £60.74 from me to process a £430 Eurocheque. What can an individual do to recover money automatically taken by banks without the customer's permission? There appear to be severe penalties involved in accepting Eurocheques, and agents who profiteer from the handling of Eurocheques should be automatically blacklisted.

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1	+7	–3	+3	+3	+4		
2	+5	–1	+8	+2	+5		
3	+7	–3	+5	+7	+6		
4	+9	–3	+3	+4	+5		
5	+8	–4	+5	+6	+7		
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7	+3	–4	+4	+2	+1		
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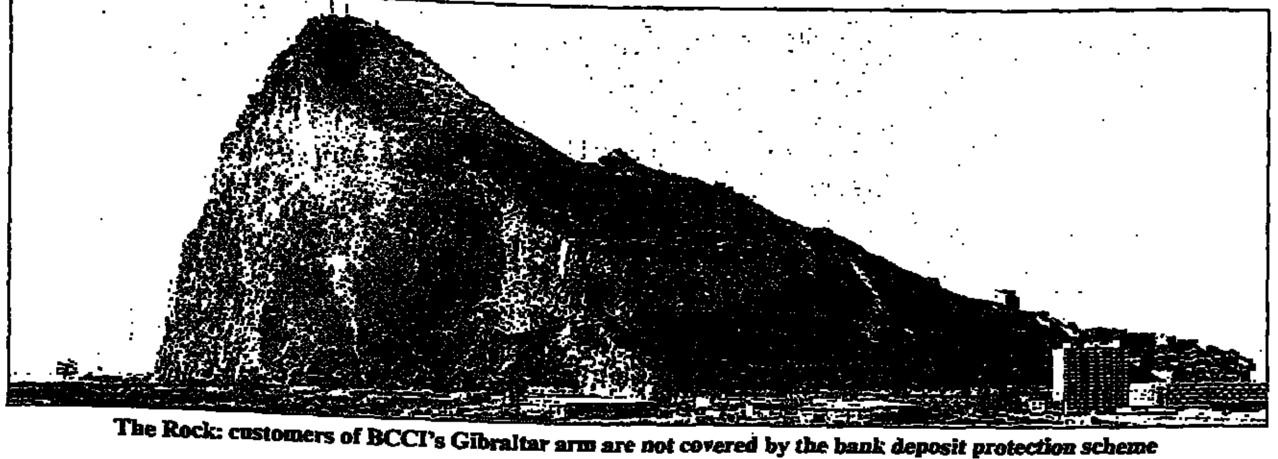

The Rock: customers of BCCI's Gibraltar arm are not covered by the bank deposit protection scheme

Compensation denied to BCCI savers in Gibraltar

By LINDSAY COOK
MONEY EDITOR

HUNDREDS of British depositors with the Gibraltar subsidiary of the Bank of Credit and Commerce have had their funds frozen since last Friday and have no prospect of compensation.

Savers who put money with the 25 branches in Britain may claim up to £15,000 from the bank deposit protection scheme when winding up takes place later this month. The 6,000 customers of the Gibraltar subsidiary are not covered by the scheme and there is no compensation scheme for bank deposits there.

Whatever the financial standing of the subsidiary when it was closed down, customers and the solicitor acting on their behalf, Charles Gomez, are aware that it will take a long time to sort out who are the owners of the frozen funds. Money from Gibraltar, for example, was placed with other branches.

A spokesman for Mr Gomez said that many of the depositors had no other bank accounts and had been left destitute. "Because it was a bank and not a risk investment they did not see the need to spread their investments. One of our clients put £1 million with the bank and he has no other money whatsoever," he said.

Many others depended entirely on interest from the bank and have no other income. A large proportion of them have retired to Spain or Portugal from Britain and chose the bank because of the service it gave.

Once or twice a week, staff would travel from Gibraltar along the coast to meet customers in hotels and conduct business for them.

One investor who, with his partner, has more than £250,000 deposited in Gibraltar, said: "There has been a suggestion that Gibraltar investors were shadowy or doing something wrong. We were not. We saw it listed by the Bank of England and were given assurances by Gibraltar that it had nothing to do with money laundering."

The couple had exchanged contracts on a Spanish property last week and the first payment was due on Thursday. The money in Gibraltar was the proceeds of the sale of a flat and house in Britain.

"Fortunately, the woman selling the house in Spain has been very understanding and realises it will not be our fault if it cannot go ahead." A small account with Barclays, intended to pay insurance premiums, is all they have left.

Another customer is a woman who paid her divorce settlement into the bank three weeks ago and has little other money.

Mr Gomez hopes something can be done to avoid the mixing of funds in BCC Gibraltar Ltd with those from other parts of the bank. Having acted for clients of Barlow Clowes, the gilts firm, he is aware that there were difficulties in establishing whether its British or Gibraltar arm had the title to assets recovered.

Mr Gomez, in London yesterday for talks with representatives of British depositors, has met the financial services commissioner for Gibraltar and hopes to meet the Bankers Association of Gibraltar next week. The customers have, so far, paid £150 each towards the legal costs.

The investors of Barlow Clowes in Gibraltar were eventually compensated by the British government, along with clients in Britain.

☐ The 90,000 BCCI credit cardholders are being offered a replacement card by Save & Prosper, the group that was preparing to buy BCCI's card operation when it was closed down. That deal is now off.

S&P will transfer any outstanding balances to successful applicants, although it does not guarantee to give new customers the same credit limit. To qualify for a card, BCCI customers must be home owners and in regular employment. BCCI customers whose bills are due for payment should send money to the usual address, the Credit Card Research Group advised this week.

Customers who do not get their statements at the usual time because of the suspension should not incur extra interest charges.

BCCI travellers' cheques will still be honoured, although retailers will no longer accept the credit cards.

Water share warning issued

By LIZ DOLAN

THE third, and final, instalments on water shares are due by the end of this month. Reminders are being sent to shareholders in the ten English and Welsh water companies, including a warning that they will be liable to pay interest and are at risk of losing their right to the shares and incentives unless payment is received by 3pm on July 30.

The final instalment is 70p a share, or 60p for those entitled to customer discounts.

About 1.1 million payment notices are being sent out. They show the exact amount due, plus the name and address of the bank to which payment should be sent. The notices are colour-coded: blue for those entitled to a discount, green for the rest.

Shareholders should not send money without receiving a notice to pay. If the notice has not been received by Monday, shareholders in Thames, Welsh, Wessex and Yorkshire should call a helpline on 0272 358666, or write to: Lloyds Bank plc, Registrar's Department, PO Box 1995, 54 Pershore Road South, Kings Norton, Birmingham B30.

Shareholders in all other companies should ring 021 443 4466, or write to: National Westminster Bank plc, Registrar's Department, PO Box 663, Hartcliffe Way, Hartcliffe, Bristol BS99 1XU.

In the normal way, it is now too late to sell partly-paid shares in the stock market because they will be quoted fully-paid from Monday.

Killik & Co, the stockbroker, will sell partly-paid shares, however, for £10 a person before next Thursday. Certificates should be sent to: Sharesale, PO Box 30, 113 Bute St, Cardiff CF1 6PA.

Shareholders will lose a penny or so on the transaction because they will be selling for cash. That is to say, the money will be paid before the normal account settlement date.

Other stockbrokers may be persuaded to sell using the same method, but this route is likely to be open only to the broker's existing customers.

People who receive a payment notice, but have already sold their shares, should send the notice to the bank or stockbroker who sold the shares for them. Relatives of shareholders who have died should send a cheque for payment of the final instalment to the registrar and a letter of explanation.

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The long term performance of the Japanese stock market has also been impressive. And although it had a sharp fall last year, and has suffered some recent turbulence, it is making a strong recovery.

We believe that Japan looks set to come out of the world recession faster and more dynamically than the other major economies of the world.

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RUGBY UNION

England's pack has the ability to prevail

By DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT, BRISBANE

A TERSE headline appeared in a Sydney newspaper last week, referring to a fresh outbreak of republicanism: "Moves To Dump Queen", it read. Extended for the benefit of the northern state, you might say that England intend to dump Queensland at Ballymore tomorrow, both for their own peace of mind and to make up for their own shortcomings against New South Wales a week ago.

"It wasn't so much the game plan but the execution of it that was at fault in Sydney," Will Carling, the England captain, said yesterday after completion of training in bright sunshine at the Brisbane Boys Grammar School in Toowong.

Queensland, particularly through their back division, have risen to great heights this season, notably against Canterbury, Fiji and in the first half against Wales last Sunday, a match they ultimately won 35-24 after leading 23-6. But they were skinned alive by the NSW front five in the inter-state series and that, in theory, is where they should lose to England.

England's main concern, since it is such a vital area of their game, is the refereeing of the lineout. Sandy MacNeill, one of Australia's World Cup referees, officiates tomorrow when Ackford and Dooley encounter two more locks, McCall and Eales, who are fancied for international selection. MacNeill handled the torrid encounter the Lions had in beating Queensland 19-15 two years ago, as well as that in 1988 when England won, a trice shakily, 22-18.

Wales meet the unbeaten NSW side at Concord in Sydney tomorrow. Few observers here anticipate anything other than a home win, particularly after Welsh training in Manly found them short of five players: Collins (migraine), Arnold (calf muscle) and Glyn Llewellyn (inflamed shoulder tendons) took no part while Knight and Jenkins both withdrew with hamstring problems.

In Brisbane

QUEENSLAND: G Martin; I Williams, J Little, T Horan, P Carozza; M Lynagh, P Slattery; C Lillicrap, D Nucifora, D Crowley, J Miller, R McCall, J Eales, B Nasser, S Scott-Young.
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Referee: A MacNeill (NSW).

In Sydney

NEW SOUTH WALES: M Roebuck; D Campese, C Wells, R Tombs, R Egerton; J Allen, N Farr-Jones (captain); A Daly, P Kearns, E McKenzie, S Poidevin, W Waugh, S Cutler, W Ofahengaue, T Gavin.
WALES XV: P Thorburn (Neath, captain); I Evans (Llanelli), M Hall (Cardiff), S Gibbs (Neath), S Ford (Cardiff); N Jenkins (Pontypridd), R Jones (Swansea); M Davis (Newport), K Waters (Newbridge), P Knight (Pontypridd), R Webster (Swansea), Glyn Llewellyn (Neath), P Arnold (Swansea), R Collins (Cardiff), P Davies (Llanelli).
Referee: B Leask (Queensland).

Seine crossing: the Tour de France field caught in suspense at Tancarville during yesterday's seventh stage to Argentan, which was won by Jean-Paul van Poppel. Thierry Marie, of France, retained the overall race lead. Stage result, page 38

Laura Thompson

France takes Tour in welcoming embrace

As one who kept the stabilisers on her Chopper bicycle until the age of 12; who spent three years in Oxford without touching a bicycle unless with the wheels of her flash, ruthless, M-reg Mini; who takes pleasure in thwarting any po-faced, ecology-conscious, helmeted, pedalling person wearing an abbreviated surgical mask who attempts to cut across her even flasher, even more ruthless Nova as it majestically circumnavigates Marble Arch — as such a one, I have always maintained towards the sport of cycling a grand indifference.

Cycling, as a sport, is like golf; the practitioners are in competition yet their odyssey is a solitary one and, somehow, because they make no contact with each other they also make none with me.

The Tour de France is entirely the property of France and therefore I do not have to put up with hours of cycling and cycling analysis; the event remains to me an idea, not an actuality — even now, now that I have seen it. Of course it is the fact that these men are cycling competitively all round France which gives the race its resonance, but I cannot deal with that fact. My thighs sigh, my brain closes at the thought of cycling all round the village (pop: 200) where my parents live.

No, the Tour is to me a symbol of Gallicism. It is Louis Jourdan, wearing a matelot T-shirt and a beret, reading Camus, traversing Montparnasse — *bien sûr en vélo* — en route to an outdoor cafe, there to share snails and absinthes with Juliette Greco while an old man plays the accordion with one hand and boule with the other.

Although in not quite the same way, the Tour is a symbol to the French, a symbol which they appear to treat with fatalistic nonchalance.

Up until about two hours before the sixth stage of the Tour, the 259km race from Arras to Le Havre, was due to be completed, Le Havre was a semi-desert. Can you imagine that such restraint would be applied were the Reebok Round Britain Bike Tour to be "passing through your area?"

Surely at least a week before and after there would be a miasma of pointless, over-excited, bunting-draped activity: traffic jams would evolve, pubs would spill a noisy snaking surge of clientele onto the pavements, the Pearly King would do the Lambeth Walk, people would run around showing off in cycling shorts, sales of bikes would go up by 1,000 per cent. There would be a wild, corporate urge to achieve symbiosis with an event of such national resonance.

Of course, *ça va sans dire* that the Tour is significant to the French, that it is theirs and of them, that they will wait impassively for their heritage to whizz past.

"Regardez le Tour, c'est un désir — une envie," a man said to me, shrugging and pointing to his heart. And for a few hours, Le Havre *was* the Tour.

Suddenly, magically, the town was unbending, unfolding itself, opening its doors; the sealed-off roads were becoming flecked, then boldly outlined with spectators.

The French are not necessarily more sophisticated than we are. They were buying *Mini Vélos* as souvenirs; they were proferring their autograph books, eager as tongues for the Communion wafer. But they do not seem to have that desire to embrace an event until it chokes on its last breath of natural atmosphere. They let go of it and let the atmosphere circulate. They allow the Tour to be a part of lives which they scarcely change in order to accommodate it: they let it come to them.

Literally, of course, as well as metaphorically, and this is what is unique about this relationship between those who do and those who watch. We have nothing comparable, no event which causes two completely different worlds to touch each other, briefly and significantly. The competitors remain professional cyclists; the spectators remain the inhabitants of their town. Neither side has to change its identity. Both sides are blessed and both are giving their blessing. And at the moment when the cyclists pass between the residents of the town, at that moment the town *is* The Tour de France.

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GOLF

Faldo fights hard to hold swing together in wind

By MITCHELL PLATTS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT

NICK Faldo yesterday fought to keep his swing intact as gale-force winds turned the third round of the Bell's Scottish Open into a savage examination on the King's course at Gleneagles Hotel.

Faldo was more than mindful that the last thing he wanted was a swing problem with the start of his defence of the Open Championship little more than six days away.

"When it blows like it did today then you simply can't control things," Faldo said. "It was not a day for golf. You try, of course, and you play as hard as you can. But it's not much fun. It's pot luck."

Faldo had only just teed off when officials were compelled to suspend play because of flooded greens. He resumed 1hr 45min later, by which time the rain had relented although the wind was gusting up to 50mph.

"I think some of the guys really played well considering the conditions," Faldo said. "It was difficult even when putting because a gust can hit you on the backstroke. But I also made several silly mistakes and hit a couple of bad chips."

Faldo drove into a gorse bush at the 4th where he dropped two shots and again at the 18th where he escaped with a par despite being forced to take a drop under penalty.

Twelve months ago, he finished this tournament with a 65 and something similar today might still be sufficient to enable him to win before moving on to Royal Birkdale.

There he will continue to practice while wearing a Sport Light watch despite Tony Baldry, the junior environment minister, advising the public and retailers yesterday to think twice before buying or stocking such models because they contain mercury.

Faldo said: "I have no intention of throwing it away. It's daily life moves only between my wrist and my golf bag and it will withstand 25 tons per square inch of pressure. I'd be more worried about my clubs buckling that the watch breaking if the bag fell over. And I think the watch is beneficial."

Meanwhile, Mark McNulty, of Zimbabwe, clawed his way into contention with a defiant round of 70. McNulty is playing in only his first tournament for two months after a cartilage operation and he was especially happy to cover the last ten holes in three under par which took him onto the heels of the leaders.

Rodger Davis, of Australia, had earlier completed a round of 67, the best score of the day, for a total of 205. Colin Montgomerie finished with a similar total after a 72, although McNulty edged ahead of them.

Craig Parry, of Australia, scored 69 to take the lead with a total of 201, nine under par, although Severiano Ballesteros, Mats Lanner and Barry Lane are still in contention along with McNulty.

☐ The Americans Paul Azinger, runner-up in 1987, and Scott Hoch will miss next week's Open championship at Birkdale. Azinger is recovering from surgery on a shoulder while Hoch has informed the Royal and Ancient that "a change in my schedule has necessitated me remaining in the United States".

LEADERS AT GLENEAGLES

THIRD ROUND (GB and Ire unless stated): 201: C Parry (Aus), 65, 67, 69. 202: S Ballesteros (Sp), 63, 68, 71. 203: M McNulty (Zim), 65, 68, 70; D Mijovic (Can), 64, 66, 73; M Lanner (Swe), 65, 66, 72. 204: B Lane, 66, 66, 72. 205: R Davis (Aus), 69, 69, 67; J Hawkes (SA), 71, 66, 68; C Montgomerie, 65, 68, 72; D Feherty, 69, 63, 73. 206: D Gilford, 68, 67, 71. 207: D Smyth, 69, 70, 68; I Woosnam, 68, 69, 69; R Muntz (Neth), 68, 69, 70; N Faldo, 66, 69, 72; T Weiskopf (US), 71, 64, 72; J Rivero (Sp), 67, 68, 72; S McAllister, 68, 68, 71. 208: J D Blake (US), 70, 69, 69; J van de Velde (Fr), 69, 70, 69; S Torrance, 67, 70, 71; P Hoad, 66, 71, 71; D Hammond (US), 69, 64, 75; P Walton 67, 67, 74; E Darcy, 66, 67, 75; K Perry (US), 69, 68, 71. 209: J Spence, 69, 70, 70; C Rocca (It), 66, 72, 71; C Mason, 68, 70, 71; P O'Malley (Aus), 66, 71, 72; J-M Cañizares (Sp), 64, 70, 75; M Roe, 63, 71, 75; R Hartmann (US), 66, 69, 74; K Waters, 67, 69, 73; A Binaghi (It), 69, 68, 72. 210: G Brand Jr, 67, 72, 71; S Martin, 71, 68, 71; J White, 68, 71, 71; J-M Olazábal (Sp), 69, 69, 72; J Quiros (Sp), 66, 72, 72; B Langer (Ger), 67, 71, 72; J Morgan, 70, 68, 72; A Lyle, 68, 65, 77; M Clayton (Aus), 69, 64, 77.

IAN STEWART

The rain from Spain: a pensive Ballesteros takes shelter in the clubhouse at Gleneagles yesterday

Player tames elements to take the lead

GARY Player, the defending champion, thrust himself into the lead in the Seniors British Open at Royal Lytham and St Annes yesterday after a round of 73 gave him a halfway total of 143, one over par (Mel Webb writes).

The South African was one of the few who managed to tame the elements — bitter cold and winds gusting up to 30mph. He looked to be in serious trouble when he stood at four over par for the day after ten holes, but played the last eight holes in two under.

Player will be joined on the course today by Bobby Verwey, his brother-in-law, a stroke behind, and by Peter Butler.

Wales earn England tie

By PATRICIA DAVIES

VICKI Thomas, the Welsh champion, who seems to have been around for ever and a day, reckoned it was at least that long since Wales had beaten England. Today, in the semi-finals of the European team championship over the West course at Wentworth, the red dragon will have another go at slaying St George.

Yesterday, Wales had a surprisingly comfortable victory against Scotland while England won all but one of their matches against Spain. The other semi-final is between France, the defending champions, who beat Italy, and Sweden, the leading qualifiers, who defeated Ireland.

England shared their foursomes and won all five singles to leave Diane Bailey, their captain, purring "brilliant". Wales, perennial underdogs and fielding three European debutantes, upset the Scots by winning the first five matches, including both foursomes.

Thomas coaxed Andrea Perriam, one of the first-timers, to a one-hole victory over Elaine Farquharson and Catriona Lambert. With Lisa Dermott and Julie Foster winning at the 19th, Scotland needed a fast start in the singles. Instead, they stalled as Thomas, Foster and Helen Lawson all won.

Pia Nilsson, the Swedish captain, showed off some new grey hairs after a spirited yet vain Irish fightback. Ireland led in four of the five games at the turn but could not sustain it.

RESULTS: First flight: Quarter-finals: England 6, Spain 1 (England names first): Foursomes: F Edmond and L Fletcher bt M Campomanes and E Valera, 2 and 1; C Hall and J Morley lost to L Navarro and M J Pons, 3 and 2. Singles: N Buxton bt A Arruti, 3 and 2; J Hall bt Valera, 1 hole; Morley bt Pons, 5 and 4; C Hall bt Campomanes, 5 and 4; Fletcher bt Navarro, 1 hole. Wales 5, Scotland 2 (Wales names first): Foursomes: A Perriam and V Thomas bt E Farquharson and C Lambert, 1 hole; L Dermott and J Foster bt A Rose and M Wright, at 19th. Singles: Thomas bt Lambert, 4 and 2; H Lawson bt Farquharson, 3 and 2; Foster bt F Anderson, 4 and 3; Dermott lost to Wright, 3 and 2; Perriam lost to J Moodie, 3 and 2. France 4½, Italy 2½. Sweden 5, Ireland 2 (Sweden names first): Foursomes: A Gottmo and A Sorenstam bt C Hourihane and E R McDaid, 1 hole; M Bertilskold and P Rigby bt E Higgins and M McKenna, 3 and 2. Singles: Sorenstam bt Hourihane, 4 and 3; C Hjalmarsson bt McKenna, 1 hole; Gottmo bt D McCarthy, at 21st; C Eliasson lost to McDaid, 4 and 2; Bertilskold lost to Higgins, 5 and 4. Second flight: Denmark 5, Netherlands 2.

ROWING

No sweat raised at Lausanne warm-up

From MIKE ROSEWELL
ROWING CORRESPONDENT
LAUSANNE

THE size of the entry at the Lausanne regatta led to many crews clearly racing within themselves in yesterday's preliminary heats when no eliminations were at stake and assessing the opposition was the order of the day.

First places were generally needed to progress to semi-finals and the occasional final. Two British winners materialised in the first three races when Clare Parker and Tanya Williams won in the women's lightweight coxless pairs and the women's lightweight coxless four rowed impressively with Kate Brownlow back at stroke.

It was late in the day before Steve Redgrave and Matthew Pinsent predictably produced the next British win, crossing the line well ahead and rating just 24.

The lightweight sculler, Peter Haining, failed to achieve a first place by a split second after being given an unwanted push by the stake boat girl. This caused a disastrous start and a two lengths deficit at halfway to the eventual German winner. Other British lightweights were clearly rowing within themselves, the view being that they have "one big race in them at Lausanne" after their hard Henley.

The heavyweight boats, both male and female, were under instructions to achieve a reasonable placing without undue effort.

RESULTS: British qualifiers for finals: Lightweight women, coxless four: GB squad (Thames/Thames Tradesmen/London University). Qualifiers for semi-finals: Lightweight women, double sculls: GB squad C (Parker and Williams); GB squad A (Holmes and Dale). Lightweight men, quads: GB squad (London/Nottingham County). Coxless pair: (Redgrave and Pinsent).

July Cup winner undergoes surgery after breaking off-fore cannon bone

Polish Patriot's career hangs in balance

By MICHAEL SEELY
RACING CORRESPONDENT

POLISH Patriot is out of action for the rest of the season after fracturing a bone in his leg during his impressive victory in the Carroll Foundation July Cup at Newmarket on Thursday.

"He wasn't too bad until he got back to Pulborough," said Geoff Lawson, Guy Harwood's brother-in-law and right hand man at Coombelands Stables. "But he was very lame when we led him across the yard."

A preliminary investigation yesterday morning showed an incomplete fracture of the off-fore cannon bone and the prognosis for post-operative recovery was favourable. "He's been sent to the animal health trust at Newmarket and was due to be operated on last night."

Polish Patriot is owned by a syndicate of four, consisting of Dick Kirstein, Sir Ernest Harrison, Paul Locke and Peter Savill. "If all goes well, it will be up to the owners in due course to decide whether to try again next season or to retire the horse to stud," Lawson added. "Thank goodness it happened during the race and not before."

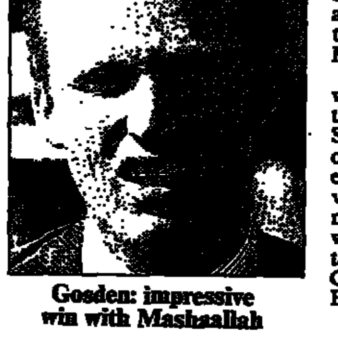
As a Royal Ascot and group one winning son of the fashionable Northern Dancer stallion, Danzig, the four-year-old is already a valuable asset for his owners for syndication purposes.

By far and away the most spectacular performance at York yesterday was recorded by Farfelu, who stormed home by three-and-a-lengths from the 100-30 favourite Silver Singing in the day's feature race, the £12,000 A F Budge Handicap.

A 7lb penalty now brings Farfelu's weight to 8st 4lb for the William Hill Stewards' Cup at Goodwood. And judged by the style of yesterday's explosive win, the four-year-old will be hard to beat at Goodwood. Corals now have Farfelu, Amigo Menor and last year's winner, Knight Of Mercy, their joint-favourites at 10-1 for the six-furlong helter skelter. The sponsors, however, are still prepared to offer 16-1 against yesterday's wide-margin winner.

Willie Muir, the first-season trainer, will certainly know the strength of the opposition at Goodwood, as he spent six years as assistant to Kim Brassey, who last year saddled Amigo Menor to finish third to Knight Of Mercy in the big sprint.

Having taken over with 12 horses in his care at Lambourn, the 33-year-old trainer was recording his fourth success. "Farfelu's blood only came right just before Ascot. So we only got one gallop into him before he ran so well when finishing sixth in the Wokingham. I'm not saying he'll win the Stewards' Cup, but he will go very close. Simon Whitworth will ride him again."



Gosden: impressive win with Mashaallah

John Gosden showed us an improving three-year-old when Steve Cauthen rode Sheikh Ahmed Al-Maktoum's Mashaallah to a convincing three-and-a-half length win over Eire Leath-Sceal in the Singapore Airlines Manchester Handicap.

"Steve said that he at first ran in snatches but that when he picked him up he went and won nicely. Considering it was only the third race of his life and his first in handicap company, it was a good effort," said Tim Brown, Gosden's assistant. The stable is now looking forward to a good showing by Nucleus in this afternoon's John Smith's Magnet Cup.

The sight of Alan Munro winning a two-year-old race in the dark green colours of Fahed Salman is almost an every-day occurrence. Following the owner's treble at Royal Ascot and a victory at the Newmarket July meeting, he had another success when Changing Times proved too strong for the 11-8 favourite, Gold Desert, in the six-furlong Black Duck Stakes.

Yesterday's decisive winner is trained by William Jarvis at Newmarket. But the trainer was delayed by traffic and returned to base. "We've always thought a lot of him and he's now earnt the right to be upgraded," said Jarvis from his home in Newmarket. "But he's been taken out of the Richmond Stakes at Goodwood because Mr Salman already has Dilum in the race."

In the Famous Grouse Stakes, favourite backers started to count their money as Lanfranco Dettori sent Field Of Honour cruising up to the leader Dagon. But under strong driving from Michael Roberts, Dagon found some extra to win by half-a-length. "I kept a little in hand," said Roberts.

Racing next week

MONDAY: Ayr, Wolverhampton, †Windsor, †Beverley. TUESDAY: Ayr, Beverley, †Leicester, †Folkestone. WEDNESDAY: †Sandown Park, Hamilton Park, Catterick Bridge, †Yarmouth. THURSDAY: Sandown Park, Catterick Bridge, Chepstow, †Hamilton Park. FRIDAY: Newbury, Ayr, Thirsk, †Newmarket. SATURDAY: Newmarket, Newbury, Ayr, Ripon, †Lingfield Park, †Southwell.

† Denotes evening meeting

SALISBURY

MANDARIN

2.00 Sound Investment. 2.30 Night Transaction. 3.00 Bighayir. 3.30 Martinosky. 4.00 Seal Ring. 4.30 Daddy's Darling.

THUNDERER

2.00 Thourios. 2.30 Great Hand. 3.00 Revoke. 3.30 Cee-En-Cee. 4.00 Seal Ring. 4.30 Petavious.

Michael Seely: 2.00 Thourios. 4.00 Seal Ring.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM
DRAW: 5F-6F 212YD, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.00 EBF QUEENPOT MAIDEN STAKES

(2-Y-O: £2,947: 6f 212yd) (18 runners)

1	00	BISHOPSTONE BILL 7 S Mellor 9-0	Dana Mellor 11
2		BOLD STROKE J Dunlop 9-0	A McGlone 18
3	000	CHINAMAN 18 W Wightman 9-0	T Rogers 17
4		COURAGEOUS KNIGHT R Hannon 9-0	N Carlisle 3
5		ELITE REG P Cole 9-0	C Rutter 2
6	004	FAIR FLYER 36 G Lewis 9-0	Dale Gibson 13
7		FAIRSPEAR L Cottrell 9-0	N Howe 15
8		GACHETTE J Sutcliffe 9-0	B Crossley 7
9	20	GOOD OLD GEORGE 66 M Usher 9-0	D Biggs (5) 5
10	00	GROG 42 M Channon 9-0	M Wigham 6
11	56	HIGH BACCARAT 36 R Akehurst 9-0	Ron Hills (3) 4
12		MURASIL W Hern 9-0	W Carson 1
13	4	SOUND INVESTMENT 30 I Balding 9-0	J Williams 14
14	2	TEXAS SCRAMBLE 9 R Simpson 9-0	A Tucker (5) 8
15		THOURIOS G Harwood 9-0	R Cochrane 16
16	0	TOP SPIN 17 W Hern 9-0	E Johnson 9
17	030	HIDDEN FLOWER 12 J Roberts 8-9	N Day 10
18	3	NASHVILLE BLUES 35 J Hills 8-9	R Wernham 12

5-2 Murasil, 7-2 Thourios, 9-2 Sound Investment, 6-1 Texas Scramble, 8-1 Nashville Blues, 10-1 Bold Stroke, 12-1 others.

2.30 FELSTEAD HANDICAP

(Amateurs: £2,784: 1m 1f 209yd) (18)

1	2324	OVERPOWER 7 (F,S) M Tompkins 7-11-7	Sally Smithson (3) 9
2	-233	WELSH SIREN 24 (F) K Bailey 5-11-6	Tracey Bailey 7
3	0145	SUPER MORNING 14 (BF,F,S) G Balding 5-11-4	Clare Balding 5
4	6-65	TELETRADER 30 (F) R Hodges 10-10-13	P MacEwan 18
5	0040	LONGSHOREMAN 24 (F) M Bell 4-10-13	Tara Dudley-Smith (3) 1
6	504	HORIZON 15 (B) G Harwood 3-10-13	Gaye Harwood 8
7	40-0	MALMESBURY 7 G Balding 4-10-10	R Ross (3) 11
8	0051	CROSBY PLACE 11 (B,D,F,S) M Haynes 5-10-7	Yvonne Haynes 17
9	0000	PHIL-BLAKE 16 C Horgan 4-10-5	P Daw (3) 2
10	0610	NIGHT TRANSACTION 14 (B,F) A Hide 4-10-5	Lucie Hide (3) 4
11	0000	SUPREME DANCER 11 (F) C Tinkler 4-10-3	Amanda Brook (3) 13
12	00-5	OUR MARTHA 30 C Barwell 3-10-3	Jane Southcombe (5) 15
13	0013	IL BAMBINO 15 (F) P Cole 3-10-0	Jane Allison 14
14	-000	BATTLERS GREEN 29 G Balding 3-9-13	Wendy Southcombe (3) 12
15	0005	CROESO 10 C Horgan 3-9-12	G Hope (3) 6
16	0010	MUDDY LANE 15 (G) B Millman 3-9-12	D Salter (3) 16
17	2660	GREAT HAND 4 (F) D Wilson 5-9-11	Elaine Bronson 3
18	4302	LETTS GREEN 11 J Czerpak 3-9-10	Jennie Crossley 10

5-1 Il Bambino, 11-2 Crosby Place, 6-1 Overpower, 7-1 Welsh Siren, 8-1 Super Morning, Horizon, 10-1 Teletrader, Croeso, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: G Harwood, 26 winners from 88 runners, 29.5%; A Hide, 3 from 12, 25.0%; K Cunningham-Brown, 5 from 24, 20.8%; I Balding, 20 from 120, 16.7%; R Akehurst, 9 from 58, 15.5%; J Hills, 5 from 37, 13.5%.

JOCKEYS: Jane Allison, 5 winners from 7 rides, 71.4%; R Price, 4 from 26, 15.4%; R Cochrane, 15 from 104, 14.4%; W Carson, 18 from 136, 13.2%. (Only qualifiers).

3.00 FAIR TRIAL HANDICAP

(3-Y-O: £4,045: 1m) (12)

1	6246	JOHNS JOY 8 (CD,F,G) D Elsworth 6-9-10	J Williams 9
2	0406	SLIPRAIL 17 (F) H Candy 4-9-5	C Rutter 8
3	-322	MULCIBER 9 (B,F) G Harwood 3-9-4	R Cochrane 11
4	400/	DRAMATIC EVENT 134J (G) J Moore 6-9-3	— 1
5	0201	AMETHYSTINE 11 (D,F,G) R Hedges 5-8-11	T Sprake (5) 5
6	0312	BIGHAYIR 21 (B,D,BF,F,G) B Millman 4-8-8	N Carlisle 2
7	-010	ROYAL ACCLAIM 10 (V,CD,F,S) A Hide 6-8-3	Dale Gibson 4
8	0430	LADY LACEY 7 (C,F) G Balding 4-8-1	A McGlone 12
9	0041	DEVIL'S SOUL 15 (D,S) R Akehurst 3-7-13	W Carson 6
10	0600	EL DOMINIO 15 (D,BF,S) K Cunningham-Brown 3-7-10	R Price (5) 7
11	330-	REVOKE 233 C Hill 4-7-10	A Garth (7) 3
12	2606	MARJONS BOY 18 (B,CD,G) M Bell 4-7-9	B Doyle (5) 10

7-2 Devil's Soul, 4-1 Mulciber, 5-1 Bighayir, 6-1 Amethystine, 8-1 Johns Joy, Sliprail, 10-1 Royal Acclaim, Lady Lacey, 12-1 others.

3.30 OWEN TUDOR HANDICAP

(£3,419: 6f) (20)

1	-000	SPORTING SIMON 38 (CD,F,S) B Millman 6-10-0	J Weaver (7) 2
2	4143	BAYSHAM 17 (B,CD,G) B Millman 5-9-13	R Price (5) 18
3	-060	LOOTING 7 (D,F,G,S) M Usher 5-9-9	M Wigham 5
4	8-00	NAWASSI 107 K Cunningham-Brown 4-9-5	M R Hoad (7) 3
5	004	CHEEKY CHAPLIN 52 D Gandolfo 5-9-5	A McGlone 10
6	0000	KRISTIS GIRL 17 (S) D Haydn Jones 4-9-4	R Cochrane 7
7	3568	AIN'TLIFELIKETHAT 28 (B,D,F,G,S) T Naughton 4-9-4	Dale Gibson 12
8	61/0	LAZY RHYTHM 11 (S) D Jermy 5-9-4	A Dicks 11
9	-060	CEE-EN-CEE 31 (B,D,BF,F,G) M McCourt 7-9-2	C Rutter 16
10	0-06	MARTINOSKY 31 (B,C,D,F) W Wightman 5-9-0	J Williams 15
11	-000	SUPER ZOOM 30 (S) M Channon 5-9-0	N Howe 9
12	0201	THATCHENNE 7 (B,D,F) M Eckley 6-9-0	W Carson 4
13	-035	TIPPLING 11 P Burgoyne 4-8-13	A Garth (7) 13
14	4060	JAGGED EDGE 30 (S) R Holder 4-8-10	N Carlisle 14
15	00-0	PURE BLISS 26 R Hodges 4-8-8	D Biggs (5) 8
16	5-34	CASTLE MAID 21 R Hodges 4-8-8	T Sprake (5) 20
17	300-0	MONKEY LOVE 7 A Jones 4-8-5	A Tucker (5) 17
18	0/06	DR SOCK IT TO ME 11 J Sutcliffe 6-8-1	B Crossley 1
19	-406	MASELLA 31 (B,D,G) J Hills 4-8-1	E Johnson 19
20	0450	GREEN'S STUBBS 14 (D,F) A Barrow 4-8-1	J Hunter (7) 6

5-1 Baysham, 11-2 Thatchenne, 6-1 Ain'tlifelikethat, 7-1 Martinosky, 8-1 Castle Maid, 10-1 Sporting Simon, Cee-En-Cee, 12-1 others.

4.00 EBF MYROBELLA MAIDEN STAKES

(2-Y-O: £2,588: 5f) (8)

1	0050	BALZAO 17 (V) G Balding 9-0	Tracey Purseglove (7) 3
2	540	NIGHT ASSET 52 G Lewis 9-0	Dale Gibson 7
3		PATRICIAN MAGICIAN R Williams 9-0	Ron Hills (3) 8
4	3533	PRIME BID 15 R Hannon 9-0	W Carson 6
5		RED INK J Sutcliffe 9-0	B Crossley 5
6		SEAL RING G Harwood 9-0	R Cochrane 2
7	30	UCCELLO 80 (BF) L Holt 9-0	A McGlone 4
8	200	MISS SOUTER 15 (B) J Roberts 8-9	J Williams 1

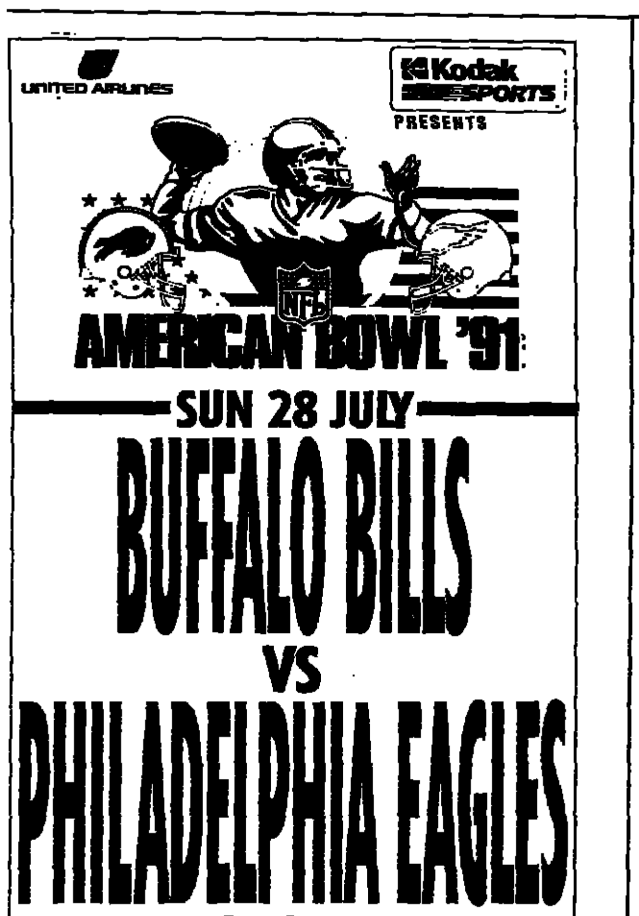
7-4 Seal Ring, 5-2 Prime Bid, 5-1 Uccello, 8-1 Red Ink, 10-1 Patrician Magician, 12-1 Night Asset, 14-1 Miss Souter, 16-1 Balzao.

4.30 CRESTED LARK HANDICAP

(£3,248: 1m 4f) (19)

1	0-10	BOOKCASE 17 (D,F,S) D Elsworth 4-10-0	J Williams 11
2	3212	BELAFONTE 29 (D,F) R Holder 4-9-7	A Tucker (5) 5
3	0203	FANATICAL 16 (D,F) J Baker 5-9-6	N Carlisle 12
4	6012	MERRY MARIGOLD 14 (D,S) J Roberts 5-9-1	T Sprake (5) 17
5	1442	SHOWMANSHIP 17 (G) (D) C Wall 4-8-13	A McGlone 1
6	20-2	DADDY'S DARLING 31 (D,F,S) J Gifford 6-8-11	W Carson 19
7	164-	LUSTREMAN 232J (F) M Channon 4-8-11	M Wigham 16
8	4240	PETAVIOUS 28 (S) Lady Herries 6-8-10	N Day 7
9	0135	SMITH'S PEAK 12 (F) R O'Sullivan 7-8-10	D Biggs (5) 18
10	0108	INCOLA 10 (D,F,G) H Candy 5-8-6	C Rutter 15
11	0-00	SPRING TERN 9 G Harwood 3-8-4	R Cochrane 14
12	200/	SUPREME WARRIOR 107J P Hobbs 5-8-4	N Howe 13
13	0225	PENTRIDGE 11 G Lewis 3-8-1	Dale Gibson 10
14	-006	STRIDE HOME 15 (B,F,S) M Madgwick 6-7-13	R Price (5) 9
15	029-	GILBERT'S GIRL 258 C Hill 4-7-8	B Doyle (5) 6
16	0000	TO BE FAIR 116 (F) (D) P Hobbs 4-7-8	R Street 2
17	0068	ALKIONIS 14 Mrs A Knight 5-7-8	E Johnson 8
18	0050	CHICAGO'S BEST 19 (B) P Burgoyne 4-7-7	A Garth (7) 4
19	0820	DENITZ 19 (S) H Collingridge 9-7-7	C Hawksley (7) 3

9-2 Fanatical, 5-1 Daddy's Darling, 6-1 Merry Marigold, Incola, 8-1 Belafonte, Showmanship, 10-1 Bookcase, Spring Tern, 12-1 others.



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Jet Ski Lady well fancied to complete Oaks double

From OUR IRISH RACING CORRESPONDENT, DUBLIN

DESPITE an interrupted preparation, Jet Ski Lady still remains a strong fancy to accomplish an Oaks double for which there is only one Irish precedent, Blue Wind, a decade ago.

Withdrawn from the Budweiser Irish Derby, Jet Ski Lady was on hold for today's Kildangan Stud Irish Oaks at the Curragh pending an assurance that the ground would not be firm. This danger was removed by heavy rain on Thursday night.

After Jet Ski Lady had decimated the opposition to win the Gold Seal Oaks at Epsom by ten lengths, her rider Christy Roche said: "That was the nicest surprise of my life."

Roche admitted that only her trainer Jim Bolger had given Jet Ski Lady a serious chance, and he could not believe his eyes when he looked back a furlong out and realised how far clear he was of the pack.

John Dunlop provides the main opposition to Jet Ski Lady today with his equally impressive Royal Ascot winner Third Watch. She too was a long shot in the Ribblesdale Stakes but, as in the case of Jet Ski Lady, returned at 50-1 at Epsom, demonstrated that bookmakers and punters don't always get it right.

The problem so far with Third Watch has been her inability to put together two good races. She was an impressive debutant last season and then finished last of 12 to Shamshir in the Brent Walker Stakes at Ascot. Prior to the royal meeting she had run most disappointingly in the Lupe Stakes at Goodwood.

Today's result will largely depend on which version of Third Watch we see in action.

Maurice Zilber sends over Polemic from Chantilly and she did not have the luck of the race when fifth to Caerlina in the Prix de Diane Hermes.

She would appear to represent a far better each-way chance here than Alex Scott's Possessive Dancer even if she has an unbeaten record that includes the Italian Oaks.

Steve Cauthen, retained by owner Sheikh Ahmed Al-Maktoum, takes over from Walter Swinburn on Possessive Dancer, but Swinburn, in action at York, will keep a close watch on events in Ireland. He bred the daughter of Shareef Dancer out of his mare Possessive and until shortly before her Italian success she was owned by Swinburn's mother, Doreen.

The John Oxx pair, Eileen Jenny and Julie La Russe, are both possibilities but Jet Ski Lady to win looks the best advice with Polemic an each-way alternative

British trainers should capture two of the supporting races. Scott can take the group three Shernazar Curragh Stakes with his slow-starting Norfolk Stakes fourth Storm Melody and Barry Hills should land the Minstrel Stakes with Bold Russian, who did not run up to his best mark when an unplaced favourite to Sikeston in the Queen Anne Stakes at Ascot.

CURRAGH FIELD BBC1 & C4

GOING: GOOD

3.20 KILDANGAN STUD IRISH OAKS

(Group I: 3-Y-O fillies Ir£200,000: 1m 4f) (10 runners)

1	63-0	BE A HONEY 66 (A Leftwich) N Graham (GB) 9-0	M Kinane 8
2	2-21	EILEEN JENNY 14 (C,D) (G Jennings) J Oxx 9-0	J Murtagh 7
3	44-2450	JAFFA LINE 23 (F) (Mrs P Sheen) D Elsworth (GB) 9-0	B Raymond 9
4	310-141	JET SKI LADY 26 (C,F,G,S) (M Al Maktoum) J Bolger 9-0	C Roche 1
5	1-23	JULIE LA ROUSSE 14 (B,BF,G) (M Parrish) J Oxx 9-0	L Piggott 2
6	0-22	OFTEN AHEAD 14 (N Slesson) J Canty 9-0	S Craine 4
7	420-325	POLEMIC 34 (S) (K Abdulla) M Zilber (Fr) 9-0	Pat Eddery 3
8	1-111	POSSESSIVE DANCER 56 (F,G) (Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) A Scott (GB) 9-0	S Cauthen 10
9	10-61	THIRD WATCH 28 (D,F,G) (P Goulandris) J Dunlop (GB) 9-0	J Reid 5
10	1-	TRESCALINI 280 (M Al Maktoum) J Bolger 9-0	W Supple 6

6-4 Jet Ski Lady, 9-4 Third Watch, 9-2 Polemic, 7-1 Possessive Dancer, 12-1 Jaffa Line, Julie La Rousse, 14-1 Eileen Jenny, 25-1 others

1990: KNIGHT'S BARONESS 9-0 T Quinn (13-8 fav) P Cole 10 ran

JET SKI LADY beat Shamshir 10l in group I Gold Seal Oaks at Epsom (1m 4f, good), with JAFFA LINE 1½l 4th.

JULIE LA ROUSSE 5l 3rd to Ruby Tiger in group II Sea World Pretty Polly Stakes, here (1m 2f, good to soft). Previously, 3l 2nd to Kooyonga in group I Goffs Irish 1,000 Guineas, here (1m, good). POLEMIC 3l 5th to Caerlina in group I Prix De Diane Hermes at Chantilly (1m 2f 110yd, soft). POSSESSIVE DANCER beat Imco Lisi 2l in group I Oaks D'Italia at San Siro (1m 4f, good). THIRD WATCH beat Finance Dancer 7l in group II Ribblesdale Stakes at Royal Ascot (1m 4f, good), with JAFFA LINE 12l 8th.

Selection: THIRD WATCH

York

Going: good

2.00 (6f) 1, Changing Times (A Munro, 11-4); 2, Gold Desert (11-8 fav); 3, Sense Of Priority (5-1). 5 ran. 1l, 2½l. W Jarvis. Tote: £3.30; £1.60, £1.50. DF: £2.40. CSF: £6.61.

2.35 (1m 205yd) 1, Dagon (M Roberts, 8-1); 2, Field Of Honour (7-2 fav); 3, Eltasteh (4-1). 11 ran. ½l, 3l. F Lee. Tote: £10.60; £3.60, £2.10, £1.50. DF: £23.60. CSF: £35.58. Tricast: £121.27.

3.10 (5f) 1, Farfelu (S Whitworth, 7-1); 2, Silver Singing (100-30 fav); 3, Ski Captain (14-1). 10 ran. NR: Bold Lez. 3½l, 1l. W Muir. Tote: £12.50; £2.70, £1.60, £4.20. DF: £17.00. CSF: £29.70. Tricast: £295.86. Trio: £110.20.

3.40 (1m 3f 195yd) 1, Mashaallah (S Cauthen, 7-4 fav: Michael Seely's nap); 2, Eire Leath-Sceal (9-1); 3, Mathkoor (7-1). 8 ran. 3½l, 3½l. J Gosden. Tote: £2.40; £1.30, £2.60, £2.00. DF: £14.20. CSF: £17.65. Tricast: £86.35.

4.10 (6f) 1, River Falls (W Carson, 30-100 fav); 2, Green's Colourist (11-4). 2 ran. 4l. R Hannon. Tote: £1.20.

4.40 (5f 214yd) 1, Wilayif (B Raymond, Evens); 2, Bayonne (4-5 fav). 2 ran. 7l. M Stoute. Tote: £1.70.

Jackpot: £8,654.90.

Placepot: £17.90.

Warwick

Going: firm

1.25 (6f) 1, Cashtal Queen (J Carroll, 11-10 fav); 2, Rocky Bay (5-1); 3, Cobblers Hill (7-2). 4 ran. 4l, 4l. J Berry. Tote: £1.80. DF: £2.30. CSF: £5.64.

1.55 (5f) 1, Petitesse (R Fox, 3-1 fav); 2, Glenfield Greta (9-1); 3, Sports Post Lady (100-30). 8 ran. 1½l, sh hd. G Blum. Tote: £3.30; £1.70, £2.00, £1.70. DF: £16.70. CSF: £25.90. Tricast: £93.29.

2.25 (1m 6f 180yd) 1, Shelegai (W Ryan, 4-11 fav; Newmarket Correspondent's nap); 2, Rogerder (8-1); 3, Sole Control (8-1). 6 ran. NR: Assamedh. 8l, 8l. H Cecil. Tote: £1.30; £1.10, £2.70. DF: £3.30. CSF: £4.08.

3.00 (2m 2f 180yd) 1. Art Form (T McLaughlin, 5-1); 2, Sagaman (11-8 fav); 3, Malamule Saloon (7-2). 5 ran. 3l, 2½l. C Cyzer. Tote: £8.90; £2.00, £1.40. DF: £5.00. CSF: 11.36.

3.30 (1m) 1, Lucky Noire (J D Smith, 11-1); 2, Champenoise (20-1); 3, Secretilla (3-1). Pitt Club 5-2 fav. 7 ran. 1½l, ½l. G Harwood. Tote: £12.90; £4.10, £3.00. DF: £47.80. CSF: £135.88. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

4.00 (5f) 1, Lady Sabo (Paul Eddery, 9-2); 2, The New Girl (2-1 fav); 3, Miss Vaxette (5-1). 7 ran. Hd, 3l. G Lewis. Tote: £5.20; £2.40, £1.80. DF: £9.10. CSF: £13.19.

Placepot: £113.70.

Lingfield Park

Going: standard

2.15 (1m 2f) 1, Sure Sign (G Duffield, 7-2); 2, Elki (9-4); 3, My Polished Corner (4-1). Tender Moment 2-1 fav. 5 ran. 2l, 2½l. B Hills. Tote: £3.20; £1.70, £1.50. DF: £4.50. CSF: £11.02.

2.45 (5f) 1, Fort Hope (G Carter, 7-2); 2, Bridle Talk (100-30); 3, Zunil (7-2). Kipini 3-1 fav. 8 ran. 5l, 1½l. J Berry. Tote: £4.30; £1.70, £1.30, £7.20. DF: £8.80. CSF: £14.70. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

3.20 (7f) 1, Halewa (G Duffield, 7-2); 2, Pellvera (20-1); 3, Crosby (3-1 jt-fav). Sunley Sparkle 3-1 jt-fav. 6 ran. 1½l, hd. M Prescott. Tote: £4.40; £1.60, £6.30. DF: £42.00. CSF: £44.73. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

3.50 (1m 4f) 1, War Beat (B Doyle, 9-2); 2, Wolamona (12-1); 3, Billy Lomond (12-1). Give Me Hope and Away From Reality 11-4 jt-favs. 7 ran. NR: Charlie's Darling. ¾l, nk. C Brittain. Tote: £9.20; £4.70, £2.60. DF: £85.30. CSF: £45.28. Tricast: £539.14. After a stewards' enquiry and objection, result stood.

4.20 (6f) 1, Alive And Kicking (G Carter, 5-2); 2, Clare Kerry Lass (11-10 fav); 3, Stella Duchi (16-1). 5 ran. Nk, 3½l. S Dow. Tote: £2.90; £1.40, £1.10. DF: £1.60. CSF: £5.31.

4.50 (6f) 1, Harry's Coming (T Sprake, 11-8 fav); 2, Murmuring (2-1); 3, Alcandance (7-2). 4 ran. NR: Northern Nation. 2l, 7l. R Hodges. Tote: £2.10. DF: £2.10. CSF: £4.28.

Placepot: £131.30.

Blinkered first time

YORK: 4.45 Garth. LINGFIELD PARK: 4.05 Asterix. SALISBURY: 2.30 Horizon. 3.00 Mulciber, Lady Lacey. 3.30 Masella. 4.00 Balzao, Miss Souter. AYR: 2.15 Kenyatta. 3.55 Cee-Jay-Ay. CHESTER: 2.45 Gone Savage. 4.15 Court Room. SOUTHWELL: 6.30 Rita's Risk. 7.00 Jubal Early, Lifetime Fortune.

THURSDAY'S LATE RESULTS

Chepstow

Going: good

6.30 (2m 49yd) 1, Jingo (Clare Balding, 5-1); 2, Lady Westgate (11-1); 3, King William (33-1); 4, Bardolph (7-1). Howjal 7-2 fav. 18 ran. Nk, 2½l. Lady Herries. Tote: £6.20; £1.70, £2.50, £7.70, £2.80. DF: £24.50. CSF: £53.81. Tricast: £1,493.12.

7.00 (1m 2f 36yd) 1, Palmer (C Rutter, 4-1); 2, Valiant Words (4-1); 3, Seal Indigo (5-1). Katy's Lad 13-8 fav. 9 ran. NR: God Bless You, Sull Boy. ¾l, 2l. G Balding. Tote: £5.70; £1.80, £1.90, £1.80. DF: £14.70. CSF: £23.25. Tricast: £80.67.

7.30 (1m 4f 23yd) 1, Kimberra (J Reid, 16-1); 2, Maraakiz (9-2); 3, High Beacon (16-1). Habaayib 7-4 fav. 7 ran. NR: Jimili. 1½l, sh hd. C Nelson. Tote: £15.70; £3.40, £2.10. DF: £32.30. CSF: £77.47.

8.00 (5f 16yd) 1, Echo-Logical (T Quinn, 10-11 fav); 2, Cradle Days (Evens); 3, Pampas Grass (12-1). 3 ran. NR: Selzer. 2½l, 4l. J Berry. Tote: £1.90. DF: £1.20. CSF: £2.12.

8.30 (7f 16yd) 1, Morgannwg (Dean McKeown, 7-2 jt-fav); 2, Moona (11-1); 3, Dashing April (40-1). Pipe Opener 7-2 jt-fav. 13 ran. NR: Mollatrola. 2l, 2½l. R Dickin. Tote: £4.20; £1.60, £2.60, £5.60. DF: £20.60. CSF: £39.43.

9.00 (1m 14yd) 1, Violence (L Dettori, 5-6 fav); 2, Gracious Beauty (7-2); 3, Shaka Town (16-1). 11 ran. 3½l, ½l. L Cumani. Tote: £2.40; £1.20, £1.70, £4.50. DF: £2.20. CSF: £4.31.

Placepot: £339.90.

Hamilton Park

Going: good to soft

6.45 (1m 1f 36yd) 1, Able Lassie (S Turner, 4-1); 2, All Greek To Me (9-2); 3, Sea Paddy (3-1 fav). 8 ran. NR: Fallow Deer. 6l, 3l. Mrs G Reveley. Tote: £6.50; £1.60, £1.90, £1.30. DF: £15.40. CSF: £20.12. Tricast: £53.10.

7.15 (1m 65yd) 1, Internal Affair (K Darley, Evens fav); 2, Swing It Oliver (25-1); 3, Dream On (20-1). 8 ran. 6l, 2l. A Stewart. Tote: £2.10; £1.10, £4.50, £3.10. DF: £21.10. CSF: £21.88.

7.45 (1m 3f 16yd) 1, No Candles Tonight (J Carroll, 11-2); 2, Saint Bene't (14-1); 3, Grey Commander (9-2). No Hard Feelings 9-4 fav. 10 ran. NR: Grey Dancer. 7l, 3l. M Johnston. Tote: £7.90; £2.30, £1.90, £1.70. DF: £27.90. CSF: £72.20. Tricast: £347.10.

8.15 (5f 4yd) 1, Chateau Nord (J Carroll, 6-4 fav); 2, My Abbey (5-2); 3, Faroots (15-8). 5 ran. 3½l, sh hd. J Berry. Tote: £1.80; £1.50, £1.50. DF: £2.30. CSF: £5.39.

8.45 (6f 5yd) 1, Lingdale Lass (J Lowe, 8-1); 2, Ambitious Venture (11-8 fav); 3, Down Marley (6-4). 8 ran. Sh hd, 3l. Mrs G Reveley. Tote: £7.10; £1.40, £1.10, £1.40. DF: £5.10. CSF: £19.85.

9.15 (5f 5yd) 1, Diet (R Havlin, 7-1); 2, Dawes Of Nelson (8-1); 3, Chaplins Club (3-1 fav). 10 ran. NR: Filicaia. 2l, nk. J S Wilson. Tote: £8.80, £2.30; £1.50, £2.10. DF: £36.00. CSF: £61.08. Tricast: £207.61.

Placepot: £14.70.

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Stylish Senor to complete treble

MANDARIN

MICHAEL PHILLIPS

JAMES Fanshawe, having won the big prize at Sandown Park last Saturday with Environment Friend, now looks like being in the money again at York today, this time by capturing the day's most valuable race, the John *Smith's Magnet* Cup, with **Stylish Senor.**

Today's handicap was framed before my selection won at Thirsk and Windsor. But because those races were worth less than £4,000 he has not collected the penalty en route, unlike Express Account who has been penalised 8lb for that victory at Newcastle.

Before he opened his account Stylish Senor had run with considerable promise in all his races; most notably this term when he split Adversary and Chandlery at Windsor.

A line through Adversary would appear to give him a few pounds in hand of Stop Press who beat Adversary by a short head at Epsom, but on vastly more advantageous terms.

While the Salisbury winner Nucleus is to be feared after running so well behind Stylish Senor's stable companion Radwell at Newcastle last month, I feel the main threat could come from Super staff, especially since Darryll Holland's allowance will trim her already light weight.

Discussing Super Staff's chance before he flew to the United States to attend the Keeneland yearling sales in Kentucky, her trainer Barry Hills said that while he was not sure whether she was quite good enough yet to win a handicap of this nature, he was certain that she would run well.

Super Staff finished sixth in the Ribblesdale Stakes at Royal Ascot, 14 lengths adrift of the winner, Third Watch, after winning her maiden at Doncaster.

Of the remainder, Northern Hal is best judged on the way that he beat Susurration at Kempton rather than his latest efforts there where he got stuck in the mud, while last year's runner-up Halkopous and Camden's Ransom are also quite capable of going close at their best.

Stylish Senor's jockey Walter Swinburn should enjoy a field day on the Knavesmare since he has also been booked to ride Missile Magic (2.00), Alhijaz (2.35) and Teamster (3.40), all of whom have sound chances of winning.

At Ayr, **Zoman** is napped to continue the marvellous run of success that his owner Fahd Salman, trainer Paul Cole and jockey Alan Munro have enjoyed already this season by winning the group three Scottish Classic.

When he was runner-up to *Stagecraft in the Prince of* Wales's Stakes at Royal Ascot both Karinga Bay and Starstreak were behind and that pattern seems likely to be repeated.

Since winning classic trials in the spring, both Hailsham and Corrupt have disappointed *and I much prefer* to rely upon Zoman.

At Lingfield, his younger stable companion Lee Artiste can be expected to give a good account of herself in the Krug Champagne Silver Trophy. But here I feel that it should be more profitable to follow **Green Line Express**, the runaway winner of the corresponding race 12 months ago, who for some inexplicable reason, did not shine last time at Royal Ascot having won so snugly at York the time before.

Finally, **Talos** (2.05) and **Prince Hannibal** (2.35) are my fancies for the other televised races at the Surrey track.

Fanshawe: fancied to land another valuable prize

MANDARIN
2.00 Missile Magic.
2.35 Alhijaz.
3.10 Causley.
3.40 Teamster.
4.15 Stylish Senor.
4.45 Northern Spark.
5.15 Tino Tere.

THUNDERER
2.00 Missile Magic.
2.35 Alhijaz.
3.10 Gabbiadini.
3.40 Teamster.
4.15 **SUPER STAFF** (nap).
4.45 Elegant Friend.
5.15 Spell Of The Yukon.

MICHAEL SEELY
4.15 **NUCLEUS** (nap).

Our Newmarket Correspondent: *4.15* ***STYLISH SENOR*** (nap).

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.00 **INTREPID FORT.**

GOING: GOOD DRAW: 5F-6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.00 JERVAULX MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £6,732: 6f) (19 runners)

101 (14) 0 FLASH BID 8 (J David Abell) M W Easterby 8-10 — —
102 (5) 623 INTREPID FORT 53 (Miss N Harrod) B Murray 8-10 S Webster ● 99
103 (17) 4 MISSILE MAGIC 15 (Lord Swaythling) J Dunlop 8-10 W R Swinburn 90
104 (12) RAP UP FAST (The Stars and Stripes Partnership) C Thornton 8-10 N Connorton —
105 (18) 505 TRUEBOURNE 67 (Mrs R Smith) Pat Mitchell 8-10 G Forster (7) 89
106 (16) YOUNG MUSICIAN (W Farrell) Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-10 M Wood —
107 (7) 02 HOLETOWN 11 (Nimrod Company) R Hannon 8-7 L Dettori 91
108 (19) 2 NICELY THANKS 105 (W Spink) T Barron 8-7 Alex Greaves 97
109 (15) PAPA WESTRAY (Miss N Barron) T Barron 8-7 B McGiff —
110 (6) 0 SONDERISE 28 (Mrs D Wright) N Tinkler 8-7 D Nicholls —
111 (2) 0 APRIL SHADOW 23 (T Sweetman) C Thornton 8-5 J Bleasdale —
112 (11) *3 COV TEL LADY 10 (Coventry Newspapers Ltd) M Tompkins 8-5 C Hodgson (5) 89*
113 (8) STRAWBERRY PINK (Mrs A Henson) M H Easterby 8-5 J Lowe —
114 (13) 03 THRIE-NA-HELAH 9 (N Sweeney) R Whitaker 8-5 A Culhane 88
115 (10) 53 BITIAH 11 (Jo Williamson) A Lee 8-2 W Ryan 94
116 (4) MAINLY ME (Mrs A Sutton) Mrs J Cecil 8-2 Paul Eddery —
117 (9) PORTITE JANE (J Berry) M Brittain 8-2 J Carroll —
118 (1) SPEEDY SIOUX (G Reed) C Thornton 8-2 S O'Gorman (5) —
119 (3) 645 WILD STRAWBERRY 14 (Park Lane Racing) J Eustace 8-2 D Holland (3) 98

BETTING: 7-2 Intrepid Fort, 9-2 Missile Magic, 6-1 Holetown, 7-1 Bitiah, 8-1 Cov Tel Lady, 10-1 Thrie-Na-Helah, 12-1 Wild Strawberry, 16-1 Mainly Me, Nicely Thanks, 20-1 others.

1990: KESTREL FORBOXES 8-11 Dean McKeown (4-11 fav) J Berry 4 ran

2.35 FRIARGATE GRADUATION STAKES (2-Y-O: £5,588: 6f 214yd) (5 runners)

201 (3) 1 ALHIJAZ 15 (D,S) (Prince A Faisal) J Dunlop 9-2 W R Swinburn 86
202 (4) 26162 INKOSI 15 (D,F) (F Lee) F Lee 9-0 Paul Eddery 92
203 (1) 6413 JEWELLERY QUARTER 15 (D,F) (Mrs F Allen) W Jarvis 9-0 L Dettori ● 99
204 (2) 1 MY MEMOIRS 14 (D,G) (Amity Finance Ltd) R Hannon 9-0 S Raymont 96
205 (5) 4163 TENACITY 7 (F) (D Thompson) J Berry 9-0 J Carroll 98

BETTING: 6-4 Alhijaz, 7-2 My Memoirs, 9-2 Tenacity, 5-1 Jewellery Quarter, 8-1 Inkosi.

1990: AIMAAM 9-0 G Duffield (2-5 fav) J Dunlop 7 ran

3.10 JOHN SMITH'S BITTER HANDICAP
(£5,848: 7f 202yd) (9 runners) C4

301 (9) 022130 REGENT LAD 24 (D,F,G) (F Tyldesley) Miss L Siddall 7-9-10 D Nicholls ● 99
302 (6) 555003 GABBIADINI 14 (C,D,F) (D Grant) M Tompkins 4-9-0 W R Swinburn 94
303 (8) 102605 CAUSLEY 17 (D,BF,F,G,S) (H Pearce) B McMahon 6-9-0 L Dettori 96
304 (1) 422110 MOFADOR 16 (D,G,S) (F Lee) F Lee 7-8-12 R Lappin 97
305 (4) 510-40 POOH WEE 21 (S) (Lady Matthews) M Camacho 3-8-8 N Connorton 91
306 (2) 02-3261 CANAAN VALLEY 15 (D,G) (A Budge (Equine) Ltd) Jimmy Fitzgerald 3-8-6 M Wood 98
307 (5) 401331 JUBRAN 9 (D,G) (Mrs E Scullion) M Naughton 5-8-1 D Holland (3) 98
308 (7) 06-5430 TAKENHALL 24 (CD,F,G) (C Pearman) M Fetherston-Godley 6-8-0 N Adams 95
309 (3) 063104 GENAIR 17 (F) (N Firth) G Moore 6-7-13 G Bardwell 96

BETTING: 7-2 Jubran, 4-1 Gabbiadini, 9-2 Canaan Valley, 8-1 Causley, Regent Lad, 9-1 Takenhall, 10-1 Genair, Mofador, 16-1 Pooh Wee.

1990: ST NINIAN 4-9-10 M Birch (100-30) M H Easterby 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

REGENT LAD 3¾l 3rd to Take Two at Haydock (1m 40yd, good to firm) on penultimate start. Previously, beat MOFADOR (13lb worse off) a short-head at Doncaster (1m, good to firm), with GENAIR 9l 6th.
GABBIADINI 1l 3rd to Rocton North at Newcastle (7f, good to firm). MOFADOR made all to beat Verdant Boy 1½l at Thirsk (7f 219yd, good) on penultimate start. CANAAN VALLEY made all to beat Yankee Flyer 5l in a ladies' maiden race at Doncaster (7f, good).
JUBRAN beat Spanish Grandee a short-head at Haydock (7f 30yd, good). Previously, 4½l 3rd to Carnival Baby at Ripon (1m, good to soft), with GENAAIR 4½l 9th. TAKENHALL did not get a clear run when 13l 12th of 29 to Eurolink The lad in the Royal Hunt Cup at Royal Ascot (1m, good), with GABBIADINI (13th) and REGENT LAD (15th). Previously, staying-on 2l 3rd to Marching Past at Doncaster (7f, good to firm). GENAIR 1½l 4th to Miss Sarajane at Carlisle (7f 214yd, good to firm), with CAUSLEY (1lb better off) 1l 5th.
Selection: TAKENHALL

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
H Cecil	31	90	34.4	L Dettori	12	58	20.7
P Makin	3	11	27.3	W R Swinburn	30	147	20.4
M Stoute	28	109	25.7	Paul Eddery	9	57	15.8
J Gosden	6	25	24.0	M Roberts	26	178	14.6
L Cumani	14	64	21.9	J Bleasdale	4	31	12.9
J Dunlop	11	56	19.6				

(Only qualifiers)

(Not including yesterday's results)

3.40 FOSTER'S SILVER CUP STAKES
(Listed race: £10,575: 1m 7f 195yd) (7 runners) C4

401 (3) 1251-60 GREAT MARQUESS 47 (F) (C St. George) H Cecil 4-9-8 Paul Eddery 93
402 (4) 26-1335 TEAMSTER 23 (F,S) (P Newton) M Stoute 5-9-8 W R Swinburn 95
403 (1) 50/10/2 ARDEN 49 (F,S) (Lord Howard de Walden) C Brooks 7-9-6 — 87
404 (5) 12/221-2 BONDSTONE 17 (G,S) (Lord Howard de Walden) H Cecil 4-9-3 W Ryan 95
405 (7) 322-120 CRACK 23 (F,G) (Mrs C Heath) L Cumani 4-9-3 L Dettori 95
406 (6) 0510-13 KAUSAR 17 (G) (W Boothroyd) G Moore 4-9-3 D Nicholls 66
407 (2) 112230 SHAMBO 23 (C,F,G) (Mrs C Brittain) C Brittain 4-9-3 M Roberts ● 99

BETTING: 5-2 Teamster, 7-2 Bondstone, 9-2 Shambo, 5-1 Crack, 7-1 Great Marquess, 25-1 Kausar.

1990: WAJNA 3-7-11 A McGlone (9-4) H Cecil 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

GREAT MARQUESS disappointing since when beating Dance Spectrum ¾l in group III Jockey Club Cup at Newmarket (2m, good to firm) in October. TEAMSTER running-on 5½l 3rd to Indian Queen in group I Ascot Gold Cup at Royal Ascot (2m 4f, good), with SHAMBO (5lb better off) 6½l 9th and CRACK tailed off last of 12. ARDEN encouraging 6l 2nd to Warm Feeling at Haydock (2m 35yd, good to firm).
BONDSTONE 4l 2nd to Deposki in a handicap at Chester (1m 5f 89yd, soft). CRACK 1l 2nd to Top Of The World in group III Cementone Beaver Henry II Stakes at Sandown (2m, good) on penultimate start, with TEAMSTER (same terms) 1l 3rd and GREAT MARQUESS 7th.
KAUSER 11l 3rd to Susurration at Kempton (1m 1f, heavy). SHAMBO ½l 2nd to Arzanni in group II Polo Mints Yorkshire Cup, here (1m 6f, good to firm) in May, with TEAMSTER (5lb worse off) 2½l 3rd and GREAT MARQUESS 6th.
Selection: SHAMBO

4.15 JOHN SMITH'S MAGNET CUP
(Handicap: £39,458: 1m 2f 85yd) (12 runners) C4

501 (2) 0-80455 ETON LAD 17 (G) (W Said) N Callaghan 4-9-12 D Harrison (7) 89
502 (6) 42202-6 SPINNING 17 (D,F,G) (P Mellon) I Balding 4-9-8 S O'Gorman (3) 91
503 (9) 20-0610 NORTHERN HAL 17 (D,F,S) (Mrs R Waters) P Walwyn 4-9-6 L Dettori 91
504 (3) 13 NUCLEUS 14 (G) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 3-8-11 J Carroll 97
505 (11) 26-2211 STYLISH SENOR 12 (D,G) (Dena'tex Ltd) J Fanshawe 3-8-5 W R Swinburn 94
506 (4) 6100-20 WAKI GOLD 24 (F) (L Norris) P Kelleway 4-8-2 G Bardwell 96
507 (1) 42-1321 STOP PRESS 36 (D,F,G) (Lord Weinstock) M Stoute 3-8-0 Paul Eddery 93
508 (10) 505211 EXPRESS ACCOUNT 15 (C,D,F,G) (D Wilson) R Williams 4-8-0 (8ex) W Ryan 96
509 (5) 2-16 SUPER STAFF 23 (D,F) (K Abdulla) B Hills 3-7-12 D Holland (3) 94
510 (7) 10-3424 HALKOPOUS 7 (V,CD,BF,F,S) (A Christodoulou) M Tompkins 5-7-8 F Norton (5) ● 99
511 (12) 410434 CAMDEN'S RANSOM 8 (D,F) (Dr C Ellis) M Fetherston-Godley 4-7-7 N Adams 98
512 (8) 160-200 ROSES HAVE THORNS 23 (F) (J Peters) D Morris 4-7-7 J Lowe 88

Long handicap: Camden's Ransom 6-13, Roses Have Thorns 6-8.

BETTING: 3-1 Super Staff, 9-2 Nucleus, 11-2 Stylish Senor, Stop Press, 10-1 Halkopous, 12-1 Express Account, 14-1 Camden's Ransom, Spinning, 20-1 Waki Gold, Northern Hal, 25-1 Eton Lad, 66-1 Roses Have Thorns.

1990: ERADICATE 5-9-4 W Newnes (15-2) P Calver 19 ran

FORM FOCUS

ETON LAD 11¾l 5th to Azzaam in a listed race at Kempton (1m 2f, heavy), with SPINNING (1lb better off) 1½l 6th and NORTHERN HAL tailed-off 7th. SPINNING 1½l 2nd to Lift And Load in a listed race at Doncaster (1m 4f, good) in September. NORTHERN HAL better judged on 1½l beating of Susurration in a ladies' race at Kempton (1m 1f, good to soft) on penultimate start.
NUCLEUS 1½l 3rd to Radwell at Newcastle (1m, good to firm). Previously, easily beat Eclipsing 1½l in a maiden at Salisbury (1m, good). STYLISH SENOR beat Dizzy ¾l at Windsor (1m 2f 22yd, good). WAKI GOLD ½l 2nd to Prince Hannibal at Lingfield (1m 3f 106yd, good to firm) on penultimate start. STOP PRESS beat Adversary a short-head at Epsom (1m 2f 118yd, good).
EXPRESS ACCOUNT beat Daisy Girl 2½l at Newcastle (1m 4f 93yd, good to firm). SUPER STAFF 13½l 6th to Third Watch in group II Ribblesdale Stakes at Royal Ascot (1m 4f, good). Previously, beat Hill's Hut 2½l at Doncaster (1m 2f 50yd, good to firm).
HALKOPOUS 2¾l 4th to Pharaminieux at Sandown (1m 3f 100yd, good). Previously, 1l 2nd to Prime Prospect at Newmarket (1m 2f, good to soft), with CAMDEN'S RANSOM (8lb worse off) 2½l 3rd.
Selection: HALKOPOUS

4.45 BEAMISH HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £6,264: 6f) (9 runners) C4

601 (1) 10-3 MAYAASA 4 (F) (Miss H Al-Maktoum) A Scott 9-7 D Harrison (7) 88
602 (9) 651 DESERT SPORT 19 (G) (Maktoum Al-Maktoum) M Stoute 9-7 W R Swinburn 90
603 (4) 10-0028 GARTH 35 (B,F) (B Whitehouse) P Makin 9-4 L Dettori 98
604 (7) 08133 ELEGANT FRIEND 8 (D,F) (G Grant) M Tompkins 9-4 M Godsafe (7) 95
605 (6) 305-501 PETRACO 12 (D,G) (B Hampson) L Codd 9-1 D Holland (3) ● 99
606 (2) 00-0611 NORTHERN SPARK 29 (CD,G) (G Brittain) C Thornton 9-0 J Bleasdale 97
607 (3) 5-04460 COLWAY DOMINION 12 (G) (K Stringer) J Watts 8-12 J Lowe 94
608 (5) 00-3000 STAMFORD BRIDGE 56 (F) (M Brittain) M Brittain 8-5 J Carroll 91
609 (8) 010005 SUPER HEIGHTS 7 (B,D,F) (B Pagliaroli) Miss A Whitfield 7-10 G Bardwell 96

BETTING: 7-2 Northern Spark, 9-2 Desert Sport, 5-1 Elegant Friend, Petraco, 6-1 Mayaasa, 10-1 Garth, 12-1 Super Heights, 14-1 Colway Dominion, 25-1 Stamford Bridge.

1990: FINAL SHOT 8-6 M Birch (7-2) M H Easterby 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

MAYAASA 5½l 3rd to Panikin at Newmarket (6f, good). DESERT SPORT beat Friendly Song in a maiden at Edinburgh (5f, good).
GARTH ½l 2nd to Secque at Haydock (6f, good to firm) on penultimate start, with NORTHERN SPARK (6lb better off) 7½l 6th. ELEGANT FRIEND 4l 2nd to Misdemeanours Girl at Sandown (5f, good to soft).
PETRACO beat Highland Magic ½l at Windsor (6f, good). NORTHERN SPARK beat Sagebrush Roller 2l here (6f 214yd, good). Previously, beat Darika Lad 1½l at Redcar (6f, good). Could be improving. SUPER HEIGHTS beaten around ¾l into 5th behind Maggie Siddons at Bath (5f 161yd, good to firm).
Selection: MAYAASA

5.15 FISHERGATE NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £5,796: 5f) (6 runners)

1 (6) 21 SPELL OF THE YUKON 12 (D,G) (P Mellon) I Balding 9-7 S O'Gorman (3) 90
2 (3) 21232 TINO TERE 21 (D,F) (P Hilton) J Berry 9-6 J Carroll ● 99
3 (1) 221 NED'S BONANZA 40 (D,F) (N Jones) R Whitaker 9-6 — 96
4 (4) 21 JUST BOB 21 (D,F) (J Fotherby) S Kettlewell 9-5 D Holland (3) 92
5 (2) 61 MEDOSO 8 (D,F) (K Daamal) A Scott 9-1 D Harrison (7) 90
6 (5) 332284 AUCTION KING 8 (D Tate) A Smith 8-9 — 88

BETTING: 2-1 Spell Of The Yukon, 7-2 Tino Tarre, 4-1 Medoso, 6-1 Just Bob, 7-1 Ned's Bonanza, 10-1 Auction King.

1990: ALLINSON'S MATE 8-11 Alex Greaves (9-1) T Barron 11 ran

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LINGFIELD PARK

MANDARIN
2.05 Talos.
2.35 Prince Hannibal.
3.05 Green Line Express.
3.35 Cut The Line.
4.05 Mathkurh.
4.35 Impact.

THUNDERER
2.05 Talos.
2.35 Prince Hannibal.
3.05 Green Line Express.
3.35 Phone Home.
4.05 Mathkurh.
4.35 Impact.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 4.35 Impact.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS
DRAW: HIGH NUMBERS BEST UP TO 7F 140YD

2.05 CALOR HANDICAP STAKES (3-Y-O: £8,538: 1m 2f) (7 runners) BBC1

1 (2) 5-11 HIDDEN COVE 21 (D,F) (G Strawbridge) I Balding 9-7 R Hills 91
2 (6) 022204 AKKAZAO 12 (B) (E Penfold) W Carter 9-0 T Williams 85
3 (4) 00-4012 NORTHERN FLYER 14 (D,BF,G) (R Worthington) P Walwyn 8-11 A Cruz 98
4 (1) 00-5100 TALOS 22 (S) (K Al-Said) B Hills 8-4 T Quinn 86
5 (7) 2-66023 AFFAIR OF HONOUR 17 (F) (F Salman) P Cole 8-0 S Dawson 89
6 (5) 3-14200 CAROMANDOO 40 (D,F) (G Lederman) M Bell 7-13 P Turner (7) ● 99
7 (3) 506236 MIZYAN 14 (Miss P Rovera) J Czerpak 7-12 A Mackay 95

BETTING: 5-2 Hidden Cove, 4-1 Talos, 5-1 Northern Flyer, 11-2 Affair Of Honour, 7-1 Mizyan, 8-1 Caromandoo, 10-1 Akkazao.

1990: AROMATIC 9-3 Pat Eddery (2-1 fav) G Harwood 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

HIDDEN COVE beat Busted Rock by a neck at Ascot (1m 2f, good to firm). Previously, beat Briggsmaid 4l in a maiden at Pontefract (1m 2f, good to firm). AKKAZAO 6¼l 4th to Stylish Senor in a graduation race at Windsor (1m 2f 22yd, good).
NORTHERN FLYER 2l 2nd to Belmoredean at Lingfield (AW, 1m 2f, standard). Previously, beat Icanseeforniles ½l at Goodwood (1m 2f, good). TALOS 10l 7th of 28 to Ajaad at Ascot (1m, good to firm). AFFAIR OF HONOUR 5½l 3rd to Carnival Baby at Salisbury (1m 1f 209yd, good to soft).
CAROMANDOO disappointing since when ¾l 2nd to Gold Law at Sandown (1m 2f, good to soft) in April. MIZYAN 5l 3rd to Dale Hill Idea on penultimate start at Nottingham (1m 2f, good).
Selection: HIDDEN COVE

2.35 BET WITH THE TOTE HANDICAP
(£10,282: 1m 3f 106yd) (4 runners) BBC1

1 (2) 32021-6 BOTTLES 15 (F,G) (Victoria Hotel, Lowestoft) J Banks 4-8-10 L Newton (5) 90
2 (4) 443111 PRINCE HANNIBAL 8 (CD,F,G) (D Hunnisett) J Dunlop 4-8-6 T Quinn 87
3 (1) 314-560 TRY TRUST 21 (F) (T Taurumaki) C Brittain 5-9-2 G Crealock ● 99
4 (3) 5-441 PINEAPPLE 8 (D,F) (Capt. J Macdonald-Buchanan) M Stoute 3-8-5 A Cruz 86

BETTING: 5-4 Prince Hannibal, 7-4 Pineapple, 9-2 Bottles, 8-1 Try Trust.

1990: NIGHT-SHIRT 3-8-5 C Nutter (5-2) M Prescott 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

BOTTLES beat Priceless Fantasy 1½l on penultimate start at Redcar (1m 2f, good). PRINCE HANNIBAL comfortably completed handicap treble when beating Hthaal 1½l at Haydock (1m 3f 200yd, good to firm). TRY TRUST 14l last of 8 to Hidden Cove at Ascot (1m 2f, good to firm). PINEAPPLE made all to beat Night Fancy 3½l in a maiden at Beverley (1m 3f 218yd, firm).
Selection: PRINCE HANNIBAL

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
M Moubarak	5	13	38.5	T Quinn	21	172	12.2
W Hern	5	14	35.7	R Hills	7	70	10.0
P Cole	19	87	21.8				
B Hills	9	44	20.5				
M Stoute	10	50	20.0				
J Dunlop	20	117	17.1				

(Only qualifiers)

3.05 KRUG CHAMPAGNE SILVER TROPHY
(Listed race: £15,530: 7f 140yd) (6 runners) BBC1

1 (1) 0133-10 GREEN LINE EXPRESS 28 (CD,BF,F,G) (Ecurie Fustok) M Moubarak 5-9-9 A Cruz 98
2 (2) 00-6010 SYLVA HONDA 24 (F,G) (Eddy Grimstead Honda Ltd) C Brittain 3-9-0 G Crealock 92
3 (4) 36-1120 SOLEIL DANCER 25 (D,G,S) (D Mort) M McCormack 3-8-7 W Newnes 92
4 (3) 20-4010 LEE ARTISTE 48 (F) (E Jameson) P Cole 3-8-6 T Quinn 94
5 (5) 104-150 BALWA 14 (F,G) (Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) A Scott 3-8-2 J Fortune ● 99
6 (6) 1143- SHIMMERING SEA 301 (F) (Miss K Rausing) W Hern 3-8-2 B Procter 84

BETTING: 5-4 Green Line Express, 9-2 Soleil Dancer, 5-1 Lee Artiste, 6-1 Sylva Honda, 7-1 Balwa, 10-1 Shimmering Sea.

1990: GREEN LINE EXPRESS 4-9-2 M Hills (9-2) M Moubarak 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

GREEN LINE EXPRESS 9½l 13th to Polish Patriot in group III Cork And Orrery Stakes at Royal Ascot (6f, good). Previously, beat Nicholas neck in group III Duke Of York Stakes at York (6f, good to firm).
SYLVA HONDA 15l 7th to Satin Flower in group III Jersey Stakes at Royal Ascot (7f, good). Previously, beat Fair Average 2l in group III Diomed Stakes at Epsom (1m 114yd, good to firm). SOLEIL DANCER 11l 7th to Marju in group I St James's Palace Stakes at Royal Ascot (1m, good). LEE ARTISTE beat Cloche D'Or 1l in a listed race at Haydock (6f, good to firm).
BALWA beat SOLEIL DANCER (4lb worse off) 1½l at Newmarket (7f, good) in May. SHIMMERING SEA 2½l 3rd to Glowing Ardour in group III Silken Glider Stakes at Leopardstown (1m, good to firm).
Selection: GREEN LINE EXPRESS (nap)

3.35 SEEBOARD NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £3,262: 7f) (9 runners)

1 (6) 155 ROYAL WALKABOUT 33 (F) John FitzGerald 9-7 R Hills 85
2 (1) 16 SURE TO WIN 50 (G) (P Savill) G Lewis 9-6 A Cruz 90
3 (3) 242 ASKELON 10 (Lady Cohen) J Dunlop 9-5 T Quinn 89
4 (2) 41 PHONE HOME 30 (G) (P Newton) J Fanshawe 9-5 W Newnes 94
5 (8) 0321 THURSLEY 9 (F) (L Westbury) E Eldin 9-3 A Mackay 97
6 (5) 01 CUT THE LINE 19 (G) (D Waller) M Bell 8-13 J Fortune 96
7 (4) 3530 CRACKLING 14 (D Marchant) D Marks 8-13 — ● 99
8 (9) 602 UP THE PUNJAB 15 (BF) (G Pritchard-Gordon) R Smyth 8-12 R Fox 90
9 (7) 020 KENTUCKY STARLET 8 (W Hawkings) R Hannon 8-12 T Williams 90

● The trainer states that Cut The Line will run only if there is overnight rain.

BETTING: 3-1 Phone Home, 7-2 Cut The Line, 9-2 Sure To Win, 6-1 Thursley, 7-1 Askelon, 8-1 Royal Walkabout, 10-1 Up The Punjab, 12-1 others.

1990: PANAMA PETE 7-11 J Lowe (2-1 fav) M H Easterby 6 ran

4.05 HOLIDAY CLUB PONTIN'S GRADUATION STAKES (£4,425: 6f) (5 runners)

1 (1) 14600-0 WATER WELL 114 (G) (W Gredley) C Brittain 4-9-5 A Cruz ● 99
2 (3) 50-4000 ASTERIX 22 (V,D,F) (T Marshall) C Elsey 3-9-3 R Fox 87
3 (4) 22-1243 FENTON LAKE 9 (CD,BF,G) (J Lambton) G Pritchard-Gordon 3-9-3 W Hood 96
4 (2) 5152-64 FAY'S SONG 66 (BF,F) (S Harper) R Akehurst 3-8-12 T Quinn 89
5 (5) 1- MATHKURH 429 (G) (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 3-8-12 R Hills 96

BETTING: 11-8 Fenton Lake, 2-1 Mathkurh, 4-1 Water Well, 6-1 Asterix, 12-1 Fay's Song.

1990: EMTYAAZ 4-9-0 L Dettori (1-4 fav fav) L Cumani 3 ran

4.35 HORSE RACING ABROAD MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,542: 6f) (9 runners)

1 (8) FORLORN DIVER (B Gubby Ltd) B Gubby 9-0 R Fox —
2 (5) 0620 HERRIDGE 7 (Simon Ellis Ltd) R Hannon 9-0 D Gibbs (7) ● 99
3 (2) 45- MAHSUL 28 (H Al-Maktoum) C Benstead 9-0 T Quinn 85
4 (9) 0-46 NASHAAT 53 (H Al-Maktoum) W Hern 9-0 B Procter 86
5 (4) *000002 TAPESTRY DANCER 21 (Instantfine Ltd) M Haynes 9-0 T Williams 71*
6 (3) 003-0 TRAVEL TOKEN 14 (Mrs R Wellman) L Holt 9-0 C Avery (7) 73
7 (1) 45 ATISAYIN 14 (Atisayin Partnership) A Hide 8-9 R Hills 88
8 (6) 32 IMPACT 15 (BF) (Hanson Leigh Racing) M Stoute 8-9 A Cruz 96
9 (7) 0 SARALLYN 14 (D Jones) D Arbuthnot 8-9 J Fortune —

BETTING: 11-10 Impact, 5-2 Herridge, 9-2 Nashaat, 6-1 Mahsul, 8-1 Atisayin, 12-1 others.

1990: CENTRELAND 9-0 L Dettori (11-10 fav) M Moubarak 4 ran

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MANDARIN
2.15 Fragonard. 2.50 Spanish Verdict. 3.25 ZOMAN (nap). 3.55 Cee-Jay-Ay. 4.25 Real Stunner. 5.00 Gulfland.

THUNDERER
2.15 Fragonard. 2.50 Highest Praise. 3.25 Zoman. 3.55 Fit The Bill. 4.25 Lake Mistassiu. 5.00 Corn Lily.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT SIS
DRAW: 5F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.15 EBF MILLPORT MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £2,511: 7f) (8 runners)

1 5 BAND SARGEANT 14 G Richards 9-0 M Roberts 7
2 63 BEE DEE ELL 12 J S Wilson 9-0 A Munro 5
3 02 FRAGONARD 33 G Pritchard-Gordon 9-0 S Whitworth 1
4 454 KENYATTA 15 (V) Denys Smith 9-0 B Rouse 4
5 040 O'DONNELL'S FOLLY 12 J S Wilson 9-0 K Darley 6
6 RAITH PC G Richards 9-0 L Charnock 2
7 325 SOBA GUEST 12 (BF) J Berry 9-0 K Fallon 6
8 4 SHADAYLOU 5 Mrs J Jordan 8-9 J Fanning (5) 3

2-1 Fragonard, 7-2 Soba Guest, 5-1 Kenyatta, 6-1 Bee Dee Ell, 8-1 Band Sargeant, 10-1 O'Donnell's Folly, 12-1 Shadaylou, Raith PC.

2.50 SPRINGSIDE HANDICAP (£3,115: 7f) (5)

1 1020 CRESELLY 21 (D,F) Jimmy Fitzgerald 4-9-10 M Roberts 1
2 5254 DUMBRECK 7 (C,F,S) J S Wilson 4-8-4 A Munro 3
3 3062 SPANISH VERDICT 17 (F) Denys Smith 4-9-1 K Fallon 2
4 0025 HIGHEST PRAISE 17 (D,F,S) D Morris 8-9-1 B Rouse 4
5 3320 INDIAN STAR 2 (F,G) M Brittain 4-8-12 S Maloney (5) 5

11-4 Highest Praise, 3-1 Dumbreck, 7-2 Spanish Verdict, 4-1 Creselly, 5-1 Indian Star.

3.25 SCOTTISH CLASSIC
(Group III: £22,410: 1m 2f) (5)

1 1323 ZOMAN 25 (D,F,G,S) P Cole 4-9-8 A Munro 3
2 3354 KARINGA BAY 25 (F,G) Denys Smith 4-9-6 B Rouse 1
3 6-05 STARSTREAK 25 (C,D,F,S) M Johnston 4-9-3 K Fallon 5
4 1210 HAILSHAM 38 (D,G) C Brittain 3-8-13 M Roberts 4
5 1165 CORRUPT 25 (BF,F,G) N Callaghan 3-8-9 K Darley 2

7-4 Zoman, 5-2 Corrupt, 7-2 Hailsham, 5-1 Karinga Bay, 8-1 Starstreak.

3.55 CAMPBELTOWN CLAIMING STAKES
(£2,366: 7f) (7)

1 3011 SRIVIJAYA 12 (F,G,S) N Tinkler 4-9-4 Kim Tinkler 3
2 0520 CEE-JAY-AY 7 (B,D,F) J Berry 4-9-0 S Whitworth 6
3 1210 FIZZ TIME 30 (C,D,BF,F,G,S) Mrs J Ramsden 3-8-9 NON-RUNNER 7
4 2-23 FIT THE BILL 94 (BF) Mrs G Reveley 3-8-3 K Darley 2
5 0-05 MUMMY'S EMERALD 29 (C,F) C Booth 3-8-3 K Fallon 1
6 2160 PRECIOUS AIR 14 (D,F,G) Denys Smith 3-8-2 B Rouse 4
7 6 NORTINO 12 Mrs G Reveley 3-8-1 A Munro 5

11-4 Fit The Bill, 3-1 Cee-Jay-Ay, 7-2 Precious Air, 4-1 Srivijaya, 5-1 Mummy's Emerald, 8-1 Nortino

4.25 RUSSIAN WINTER TROPHY
(Handicap: £3,231: 5f) (7)

1 3212 LAKE MISTASSIU 9 (B,D,F,G,S) G Pritchard-Gordon 4-10-0 S Whitworth 2
2 4021 REAL STUNNER 9 (D,F) M Naughton 4-9-3 A Munro 7
3 1013 ABU HANIFAH 7 (D,BF,G,S) N Callaghan 3-9-0 J Fanning (5) 1
4 0050 BELLA SEVILLE 4 (B,CD,F,G,S) T Barron 7-8-5 L Charnock 4
5 0221 LE CHIC 12 (D,F) D Chapman 5-8-4 M Roberts 3
6 0025 CONSULATE 9 (D,G) J Balding 5-8-0 K Darley 6
7 0643 WAVERLEY STAR 8 (B,D,F) J Wainwright 6-7-9 S Maloney (5) 5

3-1 Abu Hanifah, 7-2 Real Stunner, 4-1 Le Chic, 9-2 Lake Mistassiu, 6-1 Consulate, 8-1 Bella Seville, 10-1 Waverley Star.

5.00 CUMBRAES HANDICAP
(£2,490: 1m 5f 13yd) (10)

1 5412 AZUBAH 16 (F) G Moore 4-9-10 K Fallon 9
2 0030 VAIN PRINCE 14 (F) N Tinkler 4-9-0 Kim Tinkler 3
3 30-2 CORN LILY 3 (D,F,S) Mrs G Reveley 5-9-0 A Munro 5
4 0365 QUEENS TOUR 8 (C,G,S) M Brittain 6-8-13 S Maloney (5) 4
5 -023 GULFLAND 26 (F,G,S) G Pritchard-Gordon 10-8-6 Karen Cogley (7) 1
6 -642 MANAOLANA 21 Denys Smith 3-8-6 B Rouse 8
7 4002 GLASTONDALE 5 (F,G) T Barron 5-8-5 L Charnock 10
8 5841 ENFANT DU PARADIS 12 (G) P Evans 3-8-4 K Darley 6
9 00-1 DEB'S BALL 45J (S) D Moffatt 5-8-2 J Fanning (5) 2
10 000 COMEDY FUN 7 S Ellison 7-7-7 — 7

7-2 Corn Lily, 4-1 Gulfland, 9-2 Deb's Ball, 5-1 Enfant Du Paradis, 6-1 Glastondale, 8-1 Azubah, 10-1 Manaolana, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Mrs J Ramsden, 16 winners from 50 runners, 32.0%; G Pritchard-Gordon, 7 from 32, 21.9%; T Barron, 7 from 45, 15.6%; D Moffatt, 4 from 26, 15.4%; M Johnston, 4 from 26, 15.4%; J Berry, 25 from 164, 15.2%.

JOCKEYS: M Roberts, 5 winners from 24 rides, 20.8%; A Munro, 11 from 70, 15.7%; S Whitworth, 5 from 36, 13.9%; K Darley, 19 from 149, 12.8%. (Only qualifiers).

CHESTER

MANDARIN
2.15 Battle Of Britain. 2.45 Eager Deva. 3.15 Dom Wac. 3.45 Tudorgateway. 4.15 Affirmed's Destiny. 4.45 Gondo.

THUNDERER
2.15 Battle Of Britain. 2.45 Love Returned. 3.15 Dom Wac. 3.45 Victoria Road. 4.15 Affirmed's Destiny. 4.45 Gondo.

GOING: GOOD
DRAW: 5F 16YD-7F 122YD, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.15 ECCLESTON GRADUATION STAKES
(2-Y-O: £5,585: 6f 18yd) (4 runners)

1 2241 TITCH WIZARD 10 (D,F,G) G Lewis 9-6 S Cairns (7) 1
2 0412 BATTLE OF BRITAIN 12 J Berry 9-3 G Carter 2
3 216 ROCKY WATERS 37 (D,F) Denys Smith 9-3 NON-RUNNER 4
4 0261 AMOUREUSE 26 (G) E Owen Jr 8-12 J Marshall (7) 3

5-4 Battle Of Britain, 7-4 Titch Wizard, 3-1 Amoureuse.

2.45 ALDFORD CLAIMING STAKES
(£3,720: 5f 16yd) (8)

1 3116 EAGER DEVA 11 (D,F) R Hollinshead 4-9-2 S Perks 7
2 0060 LOVE RETURNED 11 (D,G,S) W Jarvis 4-9-0 M Tebbutt 5
3 2314 DOKKHA OYSTON 17 (B,D,G) J Berry 3-8-4 G Carter 8
4 -640 GONE SAVAGE 37 (B,D,F) P Cole 3-8-3 G Baxter 6
5 -265 SKOFUS 38 (F) R Boss 3-8-3 G Duffield 4
6 2200 KING VICTOR 7 (B) R O'Leary 3-8-0 M Birch 1
7 -205 LONELY LASS 14 L Barratt 5-7-13 N Kennedy (5) 2
8 066- GOODY FOUR SHOES 255 (D,F) C Hill 3-7-8 S Wood (3) 3

9-4 Dokkha Oyston, 3-1 Eager Deva, 4-1 Love Returned, 6-1 Skofus, 8-1 Goody Four Shoes, 10-1 Gone Savage, 14-1 others.

3.15 WONDERFUEL GAS HANDICAP
(£6,732: 2m 2f 117yd) (5)

1 4-65 ARGAKIOS 14 (V) D Burchell 4-9-10 G Duffield 1
2 21/0 FAR GLOW 15 (D,F) A Stringer 5-9-9 A Clark 5
3 0652 GO SOUTH 7 (B,F,G,S) J Jenkins 7-9-1 G Baxter 3
4 0621 DOM WAC 8 (F) M Bell 3-8-13 M Hills 4
5 0521 AS ALWAYS 7 (F) G Lewis 3-7-7 S Wood (3) 2

7-4 Go South, 5-2 Dom Wac, 3-1 As Always, 5-1 Argakios, 12-1 Far Glow.

3.45 CHESHIRE YEOMANRY HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £7,096: 7f 122yd) (6)

1 2401 PAY HOMAGE 8 (D,F) I Balding 9-7 G Duffield 2
2 0000 TIMELESS TIMES 12 (B,D,F,G,S) W O'Gorman 9-3 G Baxter 1
3 2133 VICTORIA ROAD 8 (D,F) M H Easterby 8-8 M Birch 3
4 2152 DREAM CARRIER 8 (D,F,G) R Hannon 7-13 G Carter 5
5 0631 TUDORGATEWAY 4 (F) M Tompkins 7-7 S Wood (3) 4
6 6344 SINCLAIR LAD 21 R Hollinshead 7-7 M Humphries (7) 6

11-4 Dream Carrier, 7-2 Timeless Times, 4-1 Pay Homage, 6-1 Victoria Road, 8-1 Tudorgateway, 10-1 Sinclair Lad.

4.15 EBF RETAIL ADVERTISING SERVICES MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,492: 7f 2yd) (5)

1 5 AFFIRMED'S DESTINY 17 J Dunlop 9-0 G Carter 2
2 4000 COURT ROOM 21 (V) Denys Smith 9-0 A Clark 3
3 560U DOUBLE THE STAKES 8 F Lee 9-0 A Culhane 1
4 ERINY S Norton 9-0 K Darley 4
5 2 DEVON DANCER 15 M H Easterby 8-9 M Birch 5

11-10 Devon Dancer, 9-4 Affirmed's Destiny, 6-1 Double The Stakes, 8-1 Eriny, 10-1 Court Room.

4.45 CITY WALL HANDICAP
(£7,512: 6f 18yd) (10)

1 3020 RESOLUTE BAY 4 (V,CD,F) R Whitaker 5-9-10 A Culhane 5
2 3040 DICKENS LANE 17 (D) R Hannon 4-8-7 G Baxter 8
3 4164 PROHIBITION 9 (B,D,BF,F,G,S) J Berry 4-8-3 G Carter 9
4 0065 MACROBIAN 12 (D,F,G) M H Easterby 7-9-3 M Birch 4
5 -010 DAZZLINGLY RADIANT 7 (D,BF,F,G,S) R Hannon 4-8-2 R Perham (5) 1
6 0231 BREEZY DAY 17 (C,G,S) B McMahon 5-9-1 S Sanders (7) 3
7 2102 BALIGAY 17 (D,F,G) R Hodges 6-8-11 A Clark 10
8 0063 CRYSTAL JACK 14 (CD,F,G) F Lee 3-8-9 N Kennedy (5) 6
9 4042 GONDO 17 (V,D,F) E Alston 4-8-5 M Hills 7
10 1524 MALUNAR 11 (D,F,S) M Tompkins 5-8-3 S Wood (3) 2

3-1 Macrobian, 4-1 Dazzlingly Radiant, 5-1 Malunar, 6-1 Resolute Bay, 8-1 Gondo, Prohibition, 10-1 Baligay, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: F Lee, 5 winners from 21 runners, 23.8%; S Norton, 10 from 56, 17.9%; M Tompkins, 3 from 17, 17.6%; P Cole, 5 from 32, 15.6%; J Berry, 10 from 71, 14.1%; R Whitaker, 4 from 29, 13.8%.

JOCKEYS: M Hills, 11 from 53, 20.8%; G Carter, 7 from 42, 16.7%; G Duffield, 5 from 44, 11.4%. (Only qualifiers).

(Not including last night's results)

SOUTHWELL

MANDARIN
6.30 Icy Knight. 7.00 Honey Snugfit. 7.30 Solid. 8.00 For Nothing. 8.30 Singing Reply. 9.00 Formal Occasion.

THUNDERER
6.30 Icy Knight. 7.00 Nedtex. 7.30 Solid. 8.00 Man Of Maum. 8.30 Singing Reply. 9.00 Formal Occasion.

GOING: STANDARD
DRAW: 5F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

6.30 BUTTERFLY MAIDEN GUARANTEED SWEEPSTAKES (2-Y-O: £2,001: 7f) (8 runners)

1 03 FIRE 10 R Armstrong 9-0 B Crossley 7
2 0 FREE TRANSFER 9 P Tulk 9-0 S Perks 1
3 223 ICY KNIGHT 36 (BF) C Nelson 9-0 Paul Eddery 2
4 0 RITA'S RISK 11 P Kelleway 9-0 S Dawson 6
5 2 TRIAL TIMES 10 W O'Gorman 9-0 D Nicholls 5
6 32 DEBSY DO 17 (BF) S Norton 8-9 O Pears (7) 4
7 362 MISTY VIEW 22 M Jarvis 8-9 G Crealock 8
8 MRS FISHER M Prescott 8-9 G Duffield 3

3-1 Trial Times, 4-1 Icy Knight, 9-2 Fire, 5-1 Debsy Do, 7-1 Misty View, Mrs Fisher, 12-1 others.

7.00 EMPEROR SELLING STAKES
(2-Y-O: £2,346: 7f) (10)

1 6041 NEDTEX 9 (G) M Tompkins 9-2 C Hodgson (5) 5
2 0331 DAILY SPORT GIRL 8 (CD) N Callaghan 8-11 Paul Eddery 6
3 3440 JUBAL EARLY 12 (B) W Pearce 8-11 D Nicholls 3
4 000 LIFETIME FORTUNE 9 (B) J Payne 8-11 — 9
5 000 MR RISK 22 J Harris 8-11 G Hind 4
6 TRIBAL WAR C Cyzer 8-11 N Adams 2
7 CAHEREA SCHOOL J Leigh 8-6 — 8
8 6344 HONEY SNUGFIT 8 J Berry 8-6 A Mackay 10
9 LADY NORWICK C Allen 8-6 Mick Desnro (7) 1
10 5 TEAM DECISION 9 M Prescott 8-6 G Duffield 7

9-4 Jubal Early, 7-2 Nedtex, 4-1 Daily Sport Girl, 6-1 Honey Snugfit, 7-1 8-1 Team Decision, 10-1 Tribal War, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: P Tulk, 3 winners from 5 runners, 60.0%; C Nelson, 10 from 28, 35.7%; J Gosden, 7 from 22, 31.8%; W O'Gorman, 15 from 54, 27.8%; P Kelleway, 5 from 25, 20.0%; A Hide, 4 from 23, 17.4%.

JOCKEYS: G Carter, 20 winners from 136 rides, 14.7%; C Hodgson, 4 from 30, 13.3%; *D Nicholls, 9 from 68, 13.2%;* S Perks, 11 from 86, 12.8%; G Duffield, 20 from 159, 12.6%; (Only qualifiers).

7.30 RED ADMIRAL HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £2,366: 1m) (7)

1 -055 EMDEO 35 R Hollinshead 9-7 S Perks 1
2 -001 SOLID 12 (D,G) J Jenkins 9-2 S Whitworth 6
3 062 FRANCIS ANN 8 J Bottomley 9-1 Paul Burke 5
4 -000 ARAGON COURT 7 J Pearce 8-8 N Adams 7
5 0020 CHINA SKY 8 C Allen 8-6 G Bardwell 4
6 -000 MINDY 5 (B) N Callaghan 8-2 G Duffield 3
7 0000 TOUCH 'N' PASS 7 R O'Leary 7-10 R Fox 2

7-4 Solid, 3-1 Francis Ann, 4-1 Emdeo, 6-1 China Sky, 7-1 Mindy, 10-1 Aragon Court, 14-1 Touch 'N' Pass.

8.00 ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND HANDICAP (£2,325: 1m 3f) (12)

1 -005 MISS ECHO 15 M Tompkins 3-10-0 C Hodgson (5) 8
2 0-30 FOR NOTHING 14 (C) J Glover 6-9-11 S D Williams (7) 11
3 0-60 MRS SKINNER 89 Mrs P Barker 4-9-8 S Webster 1
4 3245 SCIACCA 7 S Mellor 4-8-8 Dana Mellor 2
5 2000 KHOJOHN 48 (V) W Elsey 3-9-6 G Baxter 3
6 4010 QUALITAIR BLAZER 19 (C) J Bottomley 4-9-6 Paul Burke 4
7 3-50 JEETHGAYA 29 A Hide 3-9-6 Paul Eddery 5
8 2000 SHIKARI KID 17 (D,S) S Norton 4-9-5 O Pears (7) 7
9 6/04 MAN OF MAUM 8 R Earnshaw 6-8-13 A Mackay 12
10 0040 QUALITAIR FLYER 8 (F,S) J Bottomley 9-8-10 N Kennedy (5) 10
11 0300 MADAM TAYLOR 14 (B,F,G,S) R Peacock 5-8-10 G Duffield 9
12 -000 STRIP CARTOON 8 S Bowring 3-8-7 Kiri Beeching (7) 6

11-4 For Nothing, 7-2 Qualitair Blazer, 4-1 Sciacca, 6-1 Miss Echo, 8-1 Jeethgaya, 10-1 Man Of Maum, 12-1 others.

8.30 SKIPPER MAIDEN GUARANTEED SWEEPSTAKES (3-Y-O: £2,001: 1m 4f) (5)

1 -546 CARABALI DANCER 22 D Gandolfo 9-0 — 4
2 -340 MAJED 5 N Callaghan 9-0 G Duffield 3
3 3220 TACTICAL MISSION 17 C Cyzer 9-0 G Carter 1
4 00 L'ACQUESIANA 14 S Bowring 8-9 S Webster 2
5 0423 SINGING REPLY 9 J Gosden 8-9 G Hind 5

5-4 Singing Reply, 3-1 Majed, 9-2 Tactical Mission, 6-1 Carabali Dancer, 10-1 L'Acquesiana.

9.00 CABBAGE WHITE HANDICAP
(£2,285: 1m 6f) (7)

1 2223 PASSED PAWN 9 (CD,S) M Tompkins 4-9-10 C Hodgson (5) 2
2 0010 WELCOMING ARMS 29 (B,CD) P Calver 4-9-3 S Perks 7
3 5416 FORMAL OCCASION 21 (F) P Chapple-Hyam 3-9-0 Paul Eddery 5
4 0066 LOVING OMEN 7 R Hollinshead 4-8-6 G Hind 6
5 1022 SWEET BUBBLES 8 (BF) C Cyzer 3-8-6 N Adams 3
6 0/05 SILK THREAD 9 (D,G,S) J Pearce 8-8-4 F Norton (5) 4
7 /023 SASKIA'S REPRIEVE 14 (V,G) J Bottomley 7-7-7 *N Kennedy (5) 1*

2-1 Saskia's Reprieve, 3-1 Passed Pawn, 4-1 Sweet Bubbles, 6-1 Welcoming Arms, 8-1 Formal Occasion, 10-1 Silk Thread.

Tyr looks best of trotters

TYR, the probable favourite for the Champagne Jacquart Stakes, can prove the best bet in Lingfield's two trotting races today. The biggest doubt is whether he is a suitable drive for an amateur — he broke gait last time — and should he again be disqualified, the improving Skinder could take advantage.

5.15 FLORETTE STAKES (£8,147: abt 1m 4f) (9 runners)
6DD4 Tazon Du Marquais (trained by J-C Hallais) (driven by A Lebrun); 0000 Strawberry J-L Peupion (H Bourree); 0000 Speedy F Criado (F Criado); D400 Texland J Bethouart (J Bethouart); 5016 Tequila De Charde J-P Blanchon (J-P Blanchon); 2000 Turkey Y Hallais (Y Hallais); 0D0D Stop En Foret N Vassallucci (N Vassallucci); D060 Spartaco Mme S Vanhove (J-L Marionval); D0D0 Rhodiot B Rauline (E Rauline).
3-1 Turkey, 9-2 Rhodiot, 11-2 Texland, 6-1 Spartaco, 8-1 Tequila De Charde, Tazon du Marquais, 10-1 others.

5.45 CHAMPAGNE JACQUART STAKES (Amateurs: £6,110: abt 1m 4f) (12 runners)
DDD0 Sultan Du Ve (trained by C Tonneau) (driven by C Tonneau); 584D Robot F Bone (P Boumiaen); 121D Tyr J-C Hallais (J Lenault); 2623 Skinder P Cordeau (D Foucault); 0D06 Rose De Bourdenay D Bohn (R Locqueneux); 3365 Ravi Du Cadran D Thorel (M Delafons); D53D Sire De Ligneville J-M Vivant (J-M Vivant); 0066 Ralliouet F Criado (J Ladowski); 0003 Riccio Cleville J Morel (J Morel); 2205 Usvaldo Bonheur J Marie (I Jublot); 6533 Sir Oui Dada D Dutrieux (D Dutrieux); 4645 Sportive De Meslay J-C Detondeur (A Pages).
2-1 Tyr, 4-1 Skinder, 6-1 Usvaldo Bonheur, 7-1 Sportive De Meslay, Sire De Ligneville, 10-1 Sir Oui Dada, 14-1 others

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Worcestershire and holders Lancashire knocked out of NatWest Trophy on eve of today's Benson and Hedges Cup final

Stage is set for Botham to play familiar tune

By ALAN LEE
CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

WE HAVE heard it all before, of course, but could it be that today's Benson and Hedges Cup final at Lord's really is a farewell to the big time by cricket's own Frank Sinatra? Or will Ian Botham be belting out his patented version of "My Way" for England at Edgbaston a week on Thursday?

This issue presents one of the prime fascinations of a match which suffers nothing for being a repeat of last year's final. Is it the beginning of the end for Botham, or the beginning of yet another dawn?

He has enjoyed one already this season, but it was no more than a false dawn. Beckoned back into the England side for the Texaco Trophy internationals, not on sentimental grounds but the hard evidence of county form, he lasted only one game before breaking down. It was enough to confirm that the old magic remains, for he took a wicket with his second ball and four in all, but it was not enough to satisfy the vast army of supporters he still commands around the country.

Botham's fame transcends his sport. When he is playing, people who know nothing about cricket and care still less are moved to mention his name with a nudge and a grin, to ask after his progress and to suggest, without the slightest expertise, that the opposition haven't a prayer. If today's match were not sold out anyway, you can bet it would have been Botham who pulled the itinerant spectators in.

This is the effect maintained, if unwittingly, by a man approaching 36 with a generous girth and increasingly unkind joints. It was much the same a dozen years ago, when the vintage Botham was habitually extrovert, childishly restless and occasionally insufferable. Today, a few lessons harshly learned, he is increasingly reclusive, shunning pubs for fear of taunts or traps, choosing his friends more judiciously than he did, drinking a bottle of good wine rather than a gallon of cheap beer.

His profile may be lower, as he buries himself and his unsuspected insecurity in his fishing or his golf, and his cricket may not have the joyous untamed quality of old, but the legend lives on and days such as this are still likely to bring out the old, exuberant showman.

The Botham factor has been a hardy perennial in English cricket since the late 1970s, though there have been years when it has needed an imagination to sustain it. One such year was 1988, when back surgery cost him most of the season and Worcestershire, whom he had joined only a year earlier, won the championship and the Sunday league without him.

Botham: may decide final

TODAY'S TEAMS

LANCASHIRE (from): D P Hughes (captain), G D Mendis, G Fowler, M A Atherton, G D Lloyd, N H Fairbrother, M Watkinson, Wasim Akram, P A J DeFreitas, W K Hegg, I D Austin, P J W Allott.
WORCESTERSHIRE (from): P A Neale (captain), T S Curtis, T M Moody, G A Hick, D B D'Oliveira, I T Botham, S J Rhodes, R K Illingworth, P J Newport, S R Lampitt, N V Radford, G R Dilley.
Umpires: J W Holder and D R Shepherd.

Botham is conscious of owing a debt to various people at Worcester, who revived him with a new and caring home after the Somerset imbroglio and who have subsequently remained loyal during some extended absences with injury. Loyalty has always rated high among Botham's own virtues and if he can inspire a Worcestershire win today he may be more pleased for others than for himself.

This is the third final Worcestershire have reached during Botham's residency but only the second in which he will have played. He missed the 1988 defeat by Middlesex in the NatWest Trophy; he played, and played valiantly, in last year's loss to Lancashire. It was not enough. Out-thought and outgunned, Worcestershire made it six defeats in six cup finals. It was all too much for the club chairman, Duncan Fearnley, who could be seen sadly emotional at the end of the day.

A single, explosive bowling spell decided last year's game. Worcestershire had made a decent start in pursuit of 242 but Wasim Akram, with pace and control few bowlers in the world could summon, swept aside Curtis and Hick to leave them bankrupt at 41 for three.

Wasim shares with Curtly Ambrose the devastating ability to decide a match in a few overs and as this year Worcestershire have the formidable Tom Moody at the head of their order, it will be interesting to see if David Hughes changes his usual one-day tactics and gives his Pakistani the new ball.

As for Hick, a cup-final record reading 4 and 1, coupled with his worst confidence crisis since he came into the game, does not bode well, and there is the possibility that he will now vacate the England dressing-room as Botham returns. But Hick is at least a little more accustomed to the big occasion and Lancashire will not make the mistake of underestimating him.

With Michael Atherton restored, after resting his stomach condition for the NatWest Trophy defeat by Hampshire, Lancashire will start favourites. If Wasim fires as he can, and the support bowlers perform better than they did at Southampton, they will be dauntingly difficult to beat.

But after six disappointments, Worcestershire's turn must come and I have a suspicion that their name will at last appear on a one-day trophy tonight. I also have a hunch that Botham may have something to do with it.

On top of his game: Robin Smith in masterful form at Southampton yesterday

Dynamic displays ensure an easy ride

By IVO TENNANT

SOUTHAMPTON: Hampshire beat Lancashire by eight wickets

HAMPSHIRE, or rather Robin Smith and David Gower, needed less than an hour yesterday morning to reach the NatWest Trophy quarter-finals, a remarkable achievement considering the holders had not been beaten in their previous 19 knockout matches. The third-wicket pair put on 111 in 16 exhilarating overs.

Taking into account their batting before the rain came on Thursday, Smith and Gower added 129 from 20 overs in all, making some Test bowlers look distinctly innocuous.

The supposition to be drawn from such a victory might be that Lancashire were more concerned with their Benson and Hedges Cup final today. Not so — at least not evidently so. They were beaten by the sheer brilliance of two top-class batsmen.

If Allott, DeFreitas and Wasim Akram looked to be innocuous on this slow pitch, Watkinson and Austin were made to appear ordinary. Runs came almost at will, from Gower through mid-wicket and from Smith through the covers. On the cover-point boundary, Lloyd was given much to do.

No spin was seen until Hughes came on for what transpired to be the final over. Yet, Udal and Maru had bowled 24 overs between them on Thursday, which says much for them and the Hampshire captain.

Hughes preferred to persevere with Austin, whose nine overs went for 59 and Watkinson, whose ten cost 62. When Wasim returned, Smith cracked his first two balls for fours and 14 in all came off the over, including a wide and a no-ball. Hampshire won with six overs to spare, Smith finishing with 79 off 90 balls and the man-of-the-match award.

The result is surely good for cricket. Nobody outside Lancashire wants to see them appear in every limited-overs final and nobody wants to see Gower go out of the game feeling crestfallen. His batting and his personality are too pleasing for that.

FINAL DETAILS

Essex top the run records

ESSEX'S total of 290 for six in 1979 is the highest total scored in a Benson and Hedges Cup final since the competition was introduced in 1972 (a Special Correspondent writes). Surrey, their opponents, replied with 255 in 51.4 overs, the most scored by a side batting second.

The highest total by a side batting second and winning is shared between Yorkshire, who scored 244 for six to beat Northamptonshire in 1987, and Nottinghamshire, who scored 244 for seven to beat Essex in 1989. The lowest total is 117 in 46.3 overs by Derbyshire against Hampshire in 1988.

Two hundreds have been scored in Benson and Hedges finals: 132 not out by Viv Richards, which helped Somerset to a seven-wicket win over Surrey in 1981, and 120 by Graham Gooch for Essex in 1979.

Only four of the record wicket-partnerships stand at more than 100, headed by 132 for the third wicket scored by Tim Robinson and Paul Johnson in Nottinghamshire's 1989 victory. Gooch and Ken McEwan put on 124 for the Essex second wicket in 1979, David Capel and Richard Williams shared 120 for the fifth wicket for Northamptonshire in 1987 and Graham Johnson and Bob Woolmer opened with 110 for Kent against Worcestershire in 1976.

Steve Jefferies, with five for 13 for Hampshire against Derbyshire in 1988, and Joel Garner, five for 14 for Somerset against Surrey in 1981, are the only two bowlers to have taken five wickets in an innings. Ken Higgs, for Leicestershire against Surrey in 1974, is the only bowler to have taken a hat-trick. Garner's five for 14 off 11 overs is the most economical spell in a final; the most expensive is no wicket for 73 by Pat Pocock, of Surrey, at the hands of Essex in 1979.

Four catches by Roger Tolchard, Leicestershire v Surrey in 1974, and Geoff Humpage, Warwickshire v Lancashire in 1984, are the best returns in a final by a wicketkeeper.

Leceistershire and Kent, three times, have won the Cup most often; Lancashire have won it twice with Somerset and Middlesex. Worcestershire, three times beaten finalists, have yet to win the Cup, along with Derbyshire, Glamorgan, Sussex and Warwickshire.

A key all-rounder whose worth is beyond figures

By PETER BALL

A GLANCE at the figures could suggest that Michael Watkinson is a run-of-the-mill county all-rounder. Even in Lancashire, where he is immensely popular, he comes behind the two Test players, Wasim Akram and Phillip DeFreitas, in the public pecking order, if not in the batting order.

Certainly it would be hard to find a bigger contrast between the dry, unspectacular Watkinson and his flamboyant Worcestershire opposite number, notwithstanding Watkinson's clean straight-hitting that does rival even Botham's for power. But figures and flamboyant persona can lie, and for impact on today's Benson and Hedges Cup final, Watkinson could easily prove the more influential figure, as he did a year ago.

"One-day cricket is ideally suited to the way he plays. He likes to hit the ball and get on with it, and he has put in some excellent performances in one-day cricket, so people get the idea he is a one-day player," David Hughes, the Lancashire captain, said. "But he has developed into a top-class all-rounder."

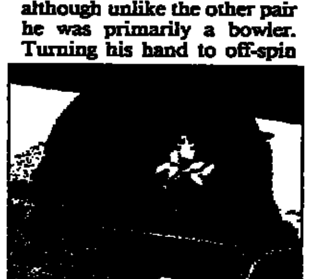
Last year he won the gold award at Lord's, showing that there was more to his batting than the ability to hit the ball hard. Watkinson first dug in to steady the innings before beginning the assault.

He was also the man of the match in the 1988 Refuge Assurance League final. His penchant for making important contributions was revealed when he claimed the wicket of Hick. But as Hughes maintains, his contributions in the championship, too, are more telling than figures sometimes suggest. "Figures don't always do justice to your contribution," Watkinson said. "It's hard to put the value of 20 or 30 in a one-day game down on paper."

"He is an important part of the dressing-room, he has a quip for every occasion," Hughes said. "He keeps people going, he always gives 100 per cent, he is very uncomplaining, he'll bowl from any end and go in in any situation."

Watkinson did not follow the usual progress from Lancashire schools representative cricket onto the county staff. He went there after a year with Cheshire and pro-ing in the Bolton Association. He made his county debut as an amateur before he had played a second XI game.

For some time, he was competing with Steve O'Shaughnessy, then very much the man in pole position, and Andrew Hayhurst for the all-rounder's spot, although unlike the other pair he was primarily a bowler. Turning his hand to off-spin gave him an added string to his bow, and indeed there are those who feel that his off-spin has the greatest potential.



Watkinson: popular man

It was an option Lancashire, and Watkinson, toyed with during their toils of the mid-Eighties. In 1986 Jackie Bond, then the Lancashire manager, and the coach, Peter Lever, decided that he should only bowl off spin. "I think that lasted a month," Watkinson remarked drily.

The next time it occurred was after the Old Trafford revolution when Hughes asked Watkinson to compete for the No. 5 spot with O'Shaughnessy and Hayhurst. His success makes it a difficult decision to criticise, but anyone watching him bowl his occasional off spin now may consider that decision was England's loss.

Watkinson is not so sure. "The more I practised off spin, the worse it got," he reflected ruefully at the beginning of the season. Now, though bowling mainly at medium pace, his off spinners have still made significant contributions to three of Lancashire's four championship victories this season.

According to Hughes: "He's got big hands, long fingers, and he gives the ball a big spin."

Whatever he is doing, Watkinson enjoys his cricket. He spends the winters working as an estimator for a firm of builders in Bolton and watching Bolton Wanderers, an activity that brings some gibes from the Manchester clubs' supporters in the Lancashire dressing-room. It would be pleasing to see him given a winter abroad with England.

Oval tie waits for Essex

By ALAN LEE

ESSEX, clear favourites for the NatWest Trophy after the exit of Lancashire, Worcestershire and Middlesex yesterday, still have to do things the hard way. Their third consecutive away draw gives them a quarter-final tie at the Oval on July 31.

Surrey made short work of Kent in the second round and, with a third home game in succession, may just be the dark horses of this year's competition, capable of beating anyone if Waqar Younis is at his best.

Hampshire have another home tie after demolishing the holders, Lancashire, and if their batting functions as well again they ought to overcome Nottinghamshire.

The county championship leaders, Warwickshire, are well-equipped for the 60-overs game, too, and will be expected to beat Somerset on their own territory at Edgbaston, while Glamorgan are on the road again to meet Northamptonshire, who have proved unpredictable in the limited-overs game.

Glamorgan have never won either of the knockout cups and some bookmakers were offering 200-1 against them before their comprehensive defeat of Worcestershire yesterday. The odds might be a shade less generous now.

DRAW: Hampshire v Nottinghamshire (at Southampton); Northamptonshire v Glamorgan (at Northampton); Surrey v Essex (at the Oval); Warwickshire v Somerset (at Edgbaston). Matches to be played on July 31.

Lines fluffed in rehearsal

By JACK BAILEY

WORCESTER: Glamorgan beat Worcestershire by seven wickets

WORCESTERSHIRE could not even console themselves with the thought that a poor dress rehearsal will lead to it being all right on the night — or, in their case, the day. The drubbing they received at the hands of Glamorgan, who had this match won by seven wickets shortly after lunch yesterday, with more than six overs to spare, will need careful analysis before today's Benson and Hedges Cup final.

There are lessons to be learned. Leaving aside the fact that they made nowhere near enough runs for the conditions on Thursday, the bowling and fielding yesterday lacked lustre and direction.

Maynard, who helped take Glamorgan headlong to victory with his undefeated 78 from only 59 balls, was in the sort of fettle which made containment nigh impossible. But well though young Dale played in achieving, by a long way, his highest one-day score for Glamorgan, Worcestershire were slow to work out his strengths and weaknesses.

Dale figured in partnerships of 108 (in 34 overs) with Morris and 92 (in 19 overs) with Maynard while scoring the 86 which earned him the man of the match award. His strength lay in his front-foot driving on the off side. But Worcestershire's counter to this was slow in arriving. Dale did survive a difficult chance to Botham at slip when he had made 36 and was finally caught in that position. But, by then, Glamorgan were close to their goal, Maynard was in full flow and several of Dale's nine fours had come from cover drives off balls of full length.

Before Maynard's arrival, there was always the chance that Glamorgan would be overtaken by the weather and their slower scoring rate. Morris, however, solid and sure, had joined Dale in providing just the right platform for Maynard's exciting brand of strokeplay. When Morris left, after hitting a low full toss from Illingworth back to the bowler, Glamorgan needed 108 from 23 overs. By lunch, this had been reduced to 65 runs off 16, and Maynard was enjoying himself.

Thereafter, no one was safe. This included the traffic in nearby New Road, where Maynard hit Illingworth to go past his half-century from 39 balls. He had just pulled Radford high over mid-wicket and thumped him straight for four off the next ball. He so dominated the scene that one thought wistfully of his unavailability for England, more than once.

Hemmings does trick for Nottinghamshire

EDDIE Hemmings drove Nottinghamshire to a last-ball win over Gloucestershire in a thrilling finish to their carried-over NatWest Trophy second-round match at Bristol yesterday.

Nottinghamshire needed eight off the last over with Mark Crawley facing Dave Gilbert, the former Australian Test bowler. A bye off the fifth ball tied the scores before Hemmings made the winning hit back past Gilbert.

Having taken one for 27 in his 12 overs, Hemmings must have been close to the man-of-the-match award, but it went to the game's top scorer, Athey.

Broad and Randall had put on 83 for the first wicket, but Nottinghamshire lost their way in mid-innings and had to sit anxiously through a two-hour hold-up for rain, knowing that Gloucestershire were ahead on run-rate.

The restart found them needing 40 runs off 52 balls. Nervously they lost four wickets in as many overs, two of them to splendid catches by Lloyds, before Hemmings helped Crawley in the final assault.

Mike Gatting, the Middlesex captain, scored 85 off 114 balls but failed to save his side from a 10-run defeat by Somerset at Taunton.

Resuming at 92 for one off 27 overs, Middlesex had every chance as long as Gatting continued his rich form against Somerset this season, which included two centuries.

Gatting was, however, involved in the run-outs of Roseberry, Emburey and Farbrace, and appeared to be culpable in each case. He was out in the 55th over, bowled off his pads by Lefebvre, whose two for 32 from 12 overs was a key factor in Somerset's success.

YESTERDAY'S NATWEST TROPHY SCOREBOARDS

Worcs v Glamorgan

WORCESTER: *Glamorgan beat Worcestershire by seven wickets*

WORCESTERSHIRE: 223-9.

GLAMORGAN

*A R Butcher c and b Dilley	0
H Morris c and b Illingworth	40
A Dale c Botham b Lampitt	86
M P Maynard not out	78
P A Cottey not out	3
Extras (lb 7, w 6, nb 4)	17
Total (3 wkts, 53.4 overs)	224

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-116, 3-208.

I Smith, R D B Croft, †C P Metson, S L Watkin, S R Barwick and M Frost did not bat

BOWLING: Dilley 12-1-35-1, Radford 10-0-35-0. Botham 10-0-39-0; Lampitt 9.4-0-51-1; Illingworth 12-1-47-1.

Man of the match: A Dale

Umpires: G I Burgess and B J Meyer.

CORRECTION: Minor Counties v West Indians, July 11: Minor Counties innings: Richards 2-1-4-0, not Richardson.

Somerset v Middx

TAUNTON: *Somerset beat Middlesex by 10 runs*

SOMERSET: 252 for 9 (C J Tavaré 59, A N Hayhurst 58, N G Cowans 4 for 51).

MIDDLESEX

I J F Hutchinson lbw b Graveney	17
M A Roseberry run out	44
*M W Gatting b Lefebvre	85
M R Ramprakash lbw b Hayhurst	25
K R Brown b Macleay	8
J E Emburey run out	2
†P Farbrace run out	7
N F Williams c Macleay b Lefebvre	3
D Headley not out	11
P C R Tufnell c and b Roebuck	8
N G Cowans b Hayhurst	10
Extras (b 2, lb 15, w 5)	22
Total (59.5 overs)	242

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-46, 2-97, 3-141, 4-177, 5-182, 6-195, 7-209, 8-215, 9-230.

BOWLING: Lefebvre 12-1-32-2; Beal 2-0-12-0; MacLeay 12-1-32-1; Hayhurst 11.3-1-49-2; Graveney 7-1-24-1; Trump 6-0-33-0; Roebuck 9-0-43-1

Man of the match: M W Gatting.

Umpires: A A Jones and R Julian.

Hants v Lancs

SOUTHAMPTON: *Hampshire beat Lancashire by eight wickets*

LANCASHIRE: 261 (G Fowler 71, G D Mendis 50; C A Connor 4 for 61)

HAMPSHIRE

V P Terry c Hegg b Watkinson	47
C L Smith c Hegg b Wasim	66
R A Smith not out	79
D I Gower not out	54
Extras (lb 4, w 9, nb 3)	16
Total (2 wkts, 53.5 overs)	262

*M C J Nicholas, J R Ayling, †A N Aymes, R J Maru, S D Udal, Aqib Javed and C A Connor did not bat.

BOWLING: Allott 12-3-48-0; DeFreitas 10-2-38-0; Wasim Akram 12-0-46-1; Austin 9-0-59-0; Watkinson 10-0-62-1; Hughes 0.5-0-5-0

Man of the match: R A Smith

Umpires: B Hassan and D R Shepherd.

Gloucs v Notts

BRISTOL: *Nottinghamshire beat Gloucestershire by three wickets*

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: 221-8 (C W J Athey 76).

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

B C Broad c Russell b Gilbert	38
D W Randall c Russell b Scott	46
*R T Robinson c Lloyds b Scott	48
P Johnson c Russell b Lawrence	18
M A Crawley not out	35
F D Stephenson lbw b Lawrence	1
K P Evans c Lloyds b Smith	2
†B N French c and b Gilbert	1
E E Hemmings not out	17
Extras (b 1, lb 5, w 7, nb 3)	16
Total (7 wkts, 60 overs)	222

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-83, 2-104, 3-137, 4-180, 5-183, 6-187, 7-192.

J A Afford and R A Pick did not bat.

BOWLING: Gilbert 12-0-41-2; Smith 10-1-49-1; Gerrard 2-0-10-0; Lawrence 12-3-48-2; Lloyds 12-1-36-0; Scott 12-0-32-2

Man of the match: C W J Athey.

Umpires: J W Holder and N T Plews.

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EASTBOURNE: Woolwich Open: Singles: Semi-finals: J Exton (Epsom) bt D Booth (Parade), 21-12; M Luker (Grove, Tunbridge Wells) bt J Preston (Motcombe Gardens), 21-18. Pairs: Semi-finals: K Collins and L Bull (Eastbourne) bt J Dawes and W Hayward (Preston), 28-19; M Mitchell and A Woodcock (Grange, Cardiff) bt T Smith and A Irons (Knighton Victoria), 23-8.

MEDITERRANEAN GAMES

ATHENS: Athletics: Men: 1,500m: G di Napoli (It), 3:42.80. 110m hurdles: D Philibert (Fr), 13.56sec. 4 x 100m: 1, Italy, 39.18sec; 2, Spain, 39.39; 3, France, 39.99. 4 x 400m: 1, Italy 3:03.20; 2, Yugoslavia 3:03.74; 3, Morocco 3:03.75. High jump: 1, O Bellaa (Alg), 2.29m; 2, L Toso (It), 2.26; 3, F Borelini (It), 2.26. Triple jump: 1, M Hadjandreou (Cyp), 17.13m; 2, A Norca (Fr), 16.74; 3, L Kaida (Alg), 16.64. Marathon: S Ouaquiche (Mor), 2hr 20min 26sec. 20km walk: Maurizio De Milano (It), 1hr 22min 48sec. Women: 4 x 100m: 1, France, 43.66; 2, Italy, 43.67; 3, Greece, 44.77. 4 x 400m: France 3:31.00. 1,500m: 1, H Boulmerka (Alg), 4:08.17; 2, I Theodorou (Gr), 4:10.30; 3, G Dado (It), 4:10.43. Javelin: A Verouli (Gr), 60.34m. Basketball: Final: Italy 97, Greece 91. Bronze medal play-off: France 63, Turkey 59. Football: Bronze medal play-off: Morocco 3, Yugoslavia 2. Volleyball: Men: Final: Italy 3, Yugoslavia 2. Bronze medal play-off: Spain 3, France 0.

RUGBY UNION

TOUR MATCH: Western Selection 15, France XV 45 (in Vail, Colorado)

CRICKET

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Kidmore End: Berkshire 200-8 dec (P A Garlick 4-71) and 27-1; Dorset 208-7 (G S Calway 101). RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Chelmsford: Warwickshire 301-7 dec (G M Charlesworth 143 not out, T L Penney 65) and 253-6 dec (I G S Steer 61 not out); Essex 252-1 dec (A C Seymour 140 not out, N V Knight 78) and 171-4 (K A Butler 58, A C Seymour 51). Match drawn. Derby: Middlesex 290 and 248-4 (J C Pooley 81, M R Sate 64); Derbyshire 271 and 196-7 (C J Adams 70; A A Barnett 4-80). Match drawn. Cardiff: Nottinghamshire 309-7 dec and 127-2 dec (P R Pollard 63); Glamorgan 180-1 dec (M J Cann 90, S P James 57 not out) and 187-8 (M L Roberts 60; R T Bates 4-66). Match drawn. NATIONAL VILLAGE CHAMPIONSHIP: Regional finals: Frocester 249-5, Coalpit Heath 187; Toddington 212-8, Oxford Downs 175-9; Langleybury 146-8, Cottered 98; Audley End 98, Stock 100-5; Box 118-9, Tuddenham 121-5. SCHOOLS MATCHES: Pocklington Festival: William Hulme 186, Chigwell 189-4; Pocklington 175, Wellingborough 89-4. King's, Macclesfield Festival (50-over matches): Edinburgh Academy 47, Ipswich 51-1; King's, Macclesfield 208-6, Arnold 95; Ipswich 294-9 (O Negrus 119), Arnold 144; King's, Macclesfield 295-7 (K Graham 157), Edinburgh Academy 89; Ipswich 123-8, King's, Macclesfield 124-2; Arnold 230-9, Edinburgh Academy 189-7. International festival (Bath): Semi-finals: Pulteney G5, Adelaide 186-8; Bath Schools A 162; New South Wales Emus 290-6 (C Wiseman 108 not out), Haileybury Coll, Victoria 185-8

* denotes home team

CYCLING

TOUR DE FRANCE: Seventh stage (Le Havre to Argentan, 167km): 1, J-P Peppel (Neth, PDM), 4hr 02min 18sec; 2, J Museeuw (Bel, Lotto); 3, J Schur (Ger, Gatorade); 4, L Jalabert (Fr, Toshiba); 5, R Sturnpf (Ger, Histor); 6, U Raab (Ger, PDM); 7, S Kelly (Ire, PDM); 8, A Kappes (Ger, Histor); 9, S Zanatta (It, Gatorade); 10, S Bauer (Can, Motorola), all same time. Overall positions: 1, T Marie (Fr, Castorama), 30:20:49; 2, D Abduzhaparov (USSR, Carrera), at 59sec; 3, Kelly, 1min 04sec; 4, G LeMond (US, Z), 1:07; 5, E Breukink (Neth, TVM), 1:14; 6, R Dhaenens (Bel, Panasonic), 1:35; 7, B Cornillet (Fr, Z), 1:47; 8, M Vermote (Bel, RMO), 1:56; 9, R Alcala (Mex, PDM), 2:04; 10, O Ludwig (Ger, Panasonic), 2:17. British and Irish: 51, S Yates (Motorola), 3:34; 65, M Earley (PDM), 3:52; 144, R Millar (Z), 7:28; 192, L Roche (Tonton Tapis), 28:39. Today: Individual time-trial, Argentan to Alençon, 73km. Tomorrow: Alençon to Rennes, 161km.

FOOTBALL

SOUTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP: Group A: Chile 0, Argentina 1; Paraguay 5, Venezuela 0. Group B: Brazil 1, Uruguay 1; Colombia 0, Bolivia 0.

GOLF

SUTTON, Massachusetts: Men's tournament: Leading first-round scores (US unless stated): 64: B Fleisher. 65: B McCallister, D Watson (Zim), E Gonzalez, T Schultz, T Dodds (SA). 66: N Lancaster, E Aubrey, I Baker-Finch (Aus), B Kamm, K Knox, W Grady (Aus).
FORT WORTH, Texas: US Women's Open: Leading first-round scores (US unless stated): 69: P Bradley. 70: L Kean, J Pitcock, M Mallon. 71: J Geddes, S Lebrun Ingram. 72: M Moore, A Ritzman, C Little, J Dickinson, C Walker, D Lofland, M McGeorge, D Ammaccapane, D Massey, N Scranton. British: 77: L Davies, A Nicholas. 78: C Pierce.

ROYAL PORTRUSH: North of Ireland amateur championship: Semi-finals: G McGimpsey (Bangor) bt J Fanagan (Milltown), 2 and 1; P McGinley (Grange) bt N Jenkins (Shandon Park), 2 and 1. Final: McGimpsey bt McGinley, 4 and 3.
OSLO: European boys' team championship: Quarter-finals: Scotland 6½, Spain ½ (Scotland names first): Foursomes: C MacDougall and S Dundas bt F Valera and E A Garcia, 1 hole; D Downie and C Hislop bt A Saiz and J Marin, 3 and 2. Singles: Downie bt R Fuentes, 2 and 1; Hislop halved with Valera; Dundas bt Garcia, 1 hole; N Archibald bt A Pena, 4 and 3; MacDougall bt Marin, 4 and 2. Ireland 5½, Wales 1½ (Ireland names first): Foursomes: R Coughlan and R Burns bt M Ellis and J Grundy, 4 and 2; G Sproule and S Quinlivan bt B Dredge and C Sheppard, 3 and 2. Singles: Coughlan bt Ellis, 4 and 3; Burns bt Grundy, 5 and 3; C McElderry lost to Dredge, 5 and 4; Quinlivan halved with D Ingman; Sproule bt R Price, 3 and 2. Sweden 4½, England 2½ (Sweden names first): Foursomes: M Persson and L Westerberg bt L Westwood and S Cage, 1 hole; C Hanell and C Hovstadius bt R Hussey and S Drummond, 2 and 1. Singles: Hovstadius halved with S Crick; Persson lost to Westwood, 2 and 1; Hanell bt Hussey, 3 and 2; Westerberg bt Drummond, 3 and 2; M Lundberg lost to Cage, 2 and 1. Italy 4, France 3.

EASTLEIGH: Bloor Homes Classic: Leading first-round scores (GB and Ire unless stated): 58: J Connachan. 63: R Hart; K Lunn (Aus); D Dowling; J Gemma (SA); D Reid. 64: K Marshall; F Descampe (Bel); M Gomer; X Wunsch (Sp).

TENNIS

BRISTOL: Challenger tournament: Quarter-finals: P Nyborg (Swe) bt B Joelson (US), 6-2, 6-2; J Fitzgerald (Aus) bt L Bale (SA), 2-6, 6-4, 6-4; S DeVries (US) bt B Odizor (Nigeria), 7-6, 6-1.

BASTAD, Sweden: Men's tournament (Sweden unless stated): Second round: A Volkov (Sov) bt M Pernfors, 6-4, 4-6, 6-4; A Mancini (Arg) bt C Pistolesi (It), 3-6, 6-3, 6-2; M Larsson bt L-A Wahlgren, 6-0, 6-3; L Jonsson bt M Filippini (Uru), 6-1, 6-2. Quarter-finals: C Bergstrom bt J Gunnarsson, 3-6, 6-2, 6-2; M Gustafsson bt F Arraya (Peru), 6-1, 6-2.

GSTAAD, Switzerland: Men's tournament: Second round: S Bruguera (Sp) bt R Agenor (Haiti), 6-4, 6-0; G Ivanisevic (Yug) bt D Wheaton (US), 6-4, 6-4; A Gómez (Ecu) bt G Prpic (Yug), 4-6, 7-6, 6-4; K Novacek (Cz) bt C Mezzadri (Switz), 6-3, 6-2; M Stich (Ger) bt D Vacek (Cz), 6-4, 6-0. Quarter-finals: Ivanisevic bt H de la Pena (Arg), 6-4, 6-2; Bruguera bt Gómez, 7-6, 7-6.

NEWPORT, Rhode Island: Men's tournament: First round (US unless stated): M Kratzmann (Aus) bt G Pozzi (It), 6-4, 4-6, 6-4; J Eltingh (Neth) bt A Reichel (US), 6-3, 6-2; J Frana (Arg) bt J Palmer (US), 6-1, 6-3; G Layendecker (US) bt C Saceanu (Ger), 6-1, 6-3.

QUEENSWOOD SCHOOL, Hertfordshire: Midland Bank schools' championships: Aberdare Cup: Quarter-finals: Millfield bt Sevenoaks 6-0; Queenswood bt Sutton 5-1, Repton bt Bedford 5-1; Clifton bt Brighton 4-2. Semi-finals: Repton bt Clifton 5-1; Millfield bt Queenswood 3-3 (7-7 sets, 73-68 games). Final: Millfield bt Repton, 6-0. 3rd/4th place play-off: Queenswood bt Clifton, 6-0. Glanvill Cup: Quarter-finals: Repton bt St Cyres 6-0; Sevenoaks bt St Paul's 4-2; Bromsgrove bt Southend 4-2; Millfield bt Richmond 3-3 (7-6). Semi-finals: Repton bt Sevenoaks, 4-2; Millfield bt Bromsgrove, 4-2. Final: Repton bt Millfield, 5-1. 3rd/4th: Sevenoaks bt Bromsgrove, 4-2.

NETBALL

SYDNEY: World championships: Semi-finals: New Zealand 53, England 53; Australia 68, Jamaica 62. 5th/8th place play-offs: Cook Islands 78, Western Samoa 65; Canada 57, Wales 41. 9th/12th: Singapore 66, Vanuatu 46; Republic of Ireland 57, Fiji 48. 13th/16th: Papua New Guinea 67, Sri Lanka 40; Scotland 66, Northern Ireland 38. 17th/20th: Namibia 72, Cayman Islands 44; Hong Kong 49, Malaysia 35.

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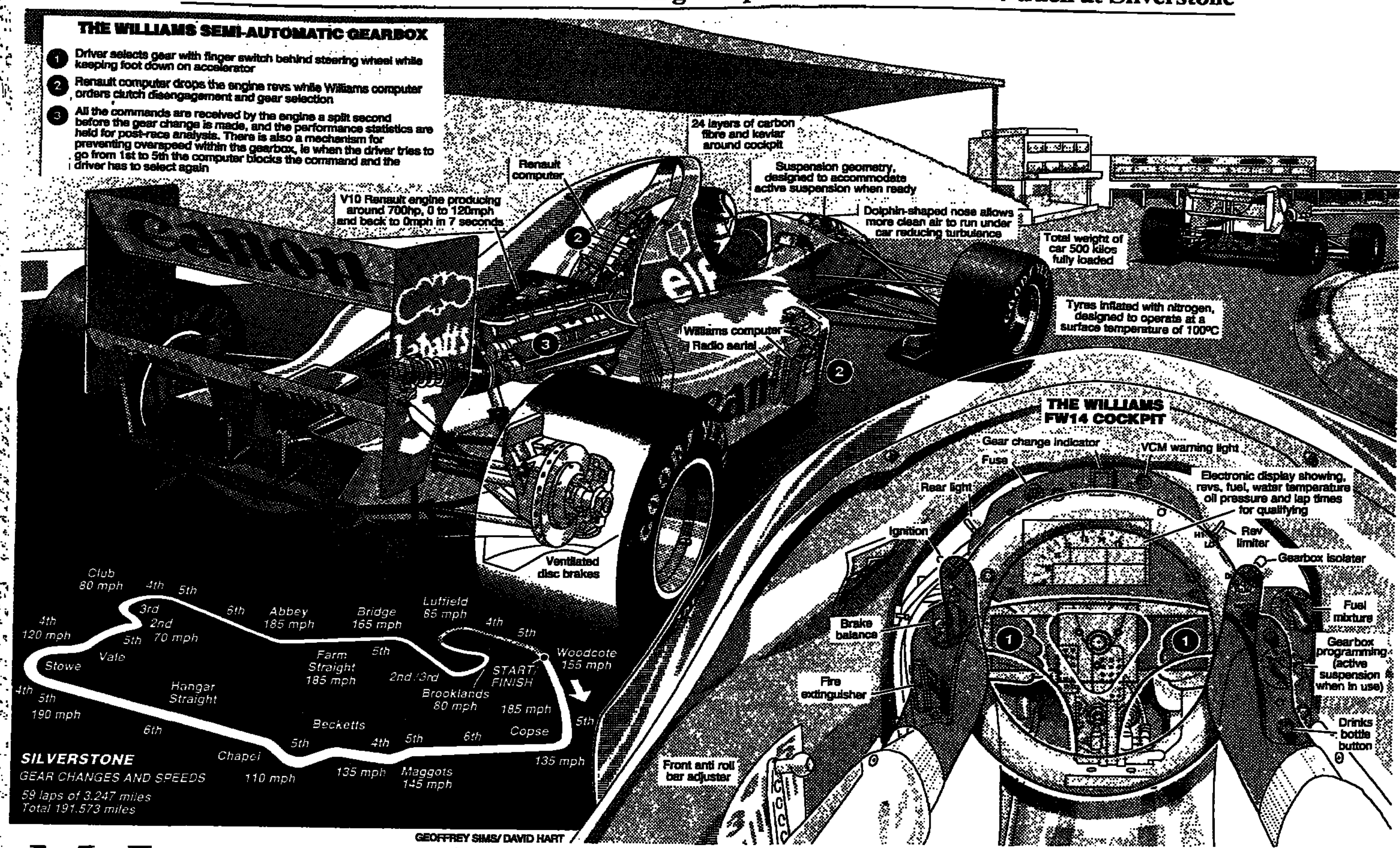
The Times takes a look tomorrow's British grand prix from on and off the track at Silverstone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Fire extinguisher
Drinks bottle button
Front anti roll bar adjuster
Club 80 mph
4th
5th
3rd
2nd
70 mph
6th
Abbey 185 mph
Bridge 165 mph
Luffield 65 mph
4th 120 mph
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Vale
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Woodcote 155 mph
Brooklands 80 mph
185 mph
Hangar Straight
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Becketts
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Chapel 110 mph
135 mph
Maggots 145 mph
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GEAR CHANGES AND SPEEDS
59 laps of 3.247 miles
Total 191.573 miles

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McLaren crack under the strain of excessive speed

Mansell takes pole position at Silverstone for the British grand prix as Williams subjects the world constructors' champions to mounting pressure. Simon Barnes reports

Winning in Formula One is simplicity itself. You get a very fast driver and a very fast car, put them both together, push them both to the limits and hope that neither of them breaks. Marlboro-McLaren-Honda have had this recipe to perfection in recent seasons: an indestructible engine driven by a man with a mind as hard as a diamond. A chap called Ayrton Senna.

But suddenly, McLaren's regal progress to what looked like an inevitable fourth successive world constructors' championship has been interrupted. They have been beaten. Their engines break. Yesterday, it was Nigel Mansell, of Williams, who won provisional pole at Silverstone, and one of the McLaren-Honda engines blew up. They have been forced to drop their traditional air of disdainful superiority, and are now involved in a street brawl. The team is hanging on to the lead in the championship by its finger-nails. For the first time in ages, there is not just competition — there is a manifestly faster car out there.

The Honda engine is no longer the best on the circuit. And what is worse, it is as fragile as a run-of-the-mill Formula One engine. McLaren have been forced to adjust to a new reality. And they have taken exceptional measures at the British grand prix, which takes place tomorrow. It might look a tiny bit like panic, and with any other team it might be. Perhaps one should regard it as an example of the usual practice of remorseless thoroughness grossly exaggerated.

For they have taken five cars to Silverstone. This is unheard of. Three is normal. And they have two different kinds of engine at the circuit, neither of them absolutely bug-free. One of them has never been raced in anger.

Long-term planning has always been at the heart of the McLaren-Honda success. But this has had to change. They have become, in a sense, like everybody else. "In the old days we would take time over each evolution," Eric Silberman, a spokesman for Honda, said. "Each new engine development would come out in our own good time. But now we have to react to the opposition, and that means doing things in a hurry."

They had planned to bring out a new engine later in the season, but because of the pressure from the Williams team, they have rushed things through. McLaren are not initiating, they are reacting to an unfamiliar situation.

But nothing actually looks like panic in the McLaren pit. You do not go to the Formula One pit-lane seeking calmness — some teams cultivate a glorious Basil Fawlty atmosphere — but McLaren is as near to peace as you can get in these stressful circumstances.

No doubt this is something to do with Zen: the engines are monitored by a team of Japanese, very much a team within a team, staring at a baffling bank of computer screens.

"This season we have had engine failures during races," Silberman said. "This is something new for us. During testing, engine failure is normal. That's what testing is for. But our engineers have to admit that they are not doing the best job in the pit lane."

One sometimes wonders why, if they can send a man to the moon, why 20 years later they still cannot make cars capable of racing for two hours. The reason is this need to push everything to the mechanical limits. McLaren have not always done that, but they are doing it now. For they have lost their edge, which was the unbelievable luxury of a small but decisive margin for error.

The more problems you have with the car, the more problems you create, both physically and mentally, for the driver. After Senna conquered gearbox problems to claw his way to a win in Brazil last March, he was unable to get out of the car. His muscles had locked under the stresses of his drive. "It was the tension, the physical effort of driving with a problem," Joseph Leberer, the team physician, said. "He wanted to win so much, he tried so hard. To sustain driving through the pain, that was really remarkable. You need a very strong mind to do that."

Television gives no idea of the physical side of motor racing. It always looks like a boy's Scalextric set. But in one of the new complexes on this redesigned circuit, a driver sustains forces adding to 26 G in four seconds. A driver must resist this: you cannot, after all, roll with the punch.

"If you are not very strong physically, that will inevitably affect the mental side," Leberer said. "You must have stamina, you do not need sudden strength, like a weightlifter, and too much muscle would give you problems. You need to be strong for a long time — a normal person could not sustain the physical pressures of driving a Formula One car for more than 20 minutes. And a race lasts two hours or more."

There is no sign of Senna cracking up. As the rumours wash around him, like suggestions that he will be offered £1.5 million a race to join Williams, he carries on driving the car as fast as it will go. He is also carefully and publicly chiding Honda for the way they have fallen off the pace. "We are optimistic," Silberman said. "Our organisation remains the best in the pit-lane, and that's an advantage you must never underestimate. And I don't think anyone at Honda really resents Senna's criticism. His nickname in Japan is still the same. They call him Jesus."

Staying calm: All eyes on Senna in the pits yesterday

DETAILS

Programme

Today: 6am: Gates open. 9.30: Circuit inspection lap. 10.00-11.30: Formula One untimed practice 11.40-12.55: Air displays. 12.30: Circuit inspection lap. 13.00-14.00: Second timed qualifying for Formula One. 14.20: British Formula Three championship race. 15.20: Dunlop Rover GTi championship race. 16.05-18.35: Second timed qualifying for other cars. Admission: Adult: £18. Child (15 and under): £3

Tomorrow: 5am: Gates open. 9.00: Circuit inspection lap. 9.30-10.00: Untimed warm-up for Formula One. 10.15: Porsche Carrera Cup race. 11.25: GM Lotus Euroseries race. 12.00-13.25: Track demonstrations and air displays 13.00: Circuit inspection lap. 14.00: British grand prix. 16.00: Jaguarsport Inter-Continental Challenge race. 17.15: Esso RACMSA British touring car championship race. Admission: Adult: £40 Child (15 and under): £5.

Transport

Rail: Today and tomorrow, special trains from Euston to Milton Keynes via Watford Junction. Tomorrow, Birmingham New Street to Northampton via Coventry Bus: Special service from Northampton Greyfriars bus station to the track. Helicopter: All services sold out.

Start may be decisive

THE fate of the British Formula Three championship may be decided in the opening seconds of today's race which follows final qualifying for the British grand prix at Silverstone (Stephen Slater writes).

David Coulthard trails the series leader, Rubens Barrichello, by two points, but the Brazilian driver has experienced difficulty on several occasions in making a clean start. In contrast, Coulthard, a 20-year-old Scotsman, has gained a reputation for storming into the lead in his Paul Stewart-prepared Ralt car and has scored three victories this year.

The traditional curtain-closer of the grand prix meeting tomorrow, the Esso British touring car championship, also promises to be spectacular. The championship leader, Will Hoy, in the Securicor-VLM BMW will be forced to work hard to stay ahead of the similar cars of Steve Soper, Jonathan Palmer, Tim Harvey and Frank Sytner.

Jeff Allam and John Cleland, in Vauxhall Cavaliers, will be anxious to use front-wheel drive to its best advantage on the new circuit's twists and turns. The Toyota Carinas of Andy Rouse and Gary Ayles are also in contention.

The 1990 champion, Robb Gravett, is making a spectacular improvement. His Trakstar team scrapped all development work on the two-litre Sierra after handling problems in early races. Starting again from scratch six weeks ago, the car has proved capable of matching the leaders in testing and the team is looking forward to a return to the victory rostrum.

IN BRIEF

Tour lead retained by Marie

JEAN-PAUL van Poppel, of The Netherlands, won the seventh stage of the Tour de France at Argentan but the Frenchman, Thierry Marie, held on to the overall lead. A sprint bonus enabled the Soviet rider, Djamolidine Abduzhaparov, to climb to second place above Sean Kelly, of Ireland. Today's 73km individual time trial to Alencencon should bring big changes in the placements.

☐ Gary Dighton, who recently set a national 25-mile record, rides the BCF 100km team trial championship at Harlow, Essex, today hoping to impress the world selectors.

TENNIS: Brian Tobin, of Australia, was elected president of the International Tennis Federation to succeed Philippe Chatrier.

☐ Cambridge, making fewer errors than Oxford, won the centennial University match at Queen's Club.

NETBALL: England were beaten 53-33 by New Zealand in the world championship semi-finals at Auckland. The title-holders play Australia in the final today while England meet Jamaica for third place.

WINDSURFING: The annual South African grand prix is being included as part of the world championship series, the sport's governing international body has decided.

MODERN PENTATHLON: Richard Phelps attempts to win his ninth national senior title at Corby this weekend only three weeks after toppling all the favourites at the World Cup in Milton Keynes.

TENNIS: Mats Wilander, former world No. 1, now on crutches after a knee operation, said in Stockholm he would get back to the top "although it means starting from zero".

CRICKET: Sir Richard Hadlee, the former champion fast bowler, aged 40, was said to be progressing well after open-heart surgery in Auckland.

SHOOTING: The National Rifle Association's annual prize meeting, which opens at Bisley today, has an above-average entry of more than 1,300.

YACHTING: Two hundred and sixty yachts set out from Cowes yesterday on the annual 155-mile race to St Malo with the French entrant, Blue and Yellow, giving her rivals an extra two minutes an hour on handicap because of inaccurate measurements.

RUGBY UNION: The draw for the first round of the Pilkington Cup was made yesterday.

DRAW: South: Torquay Ath v Cheshunt, High Wycombe v Redruth, Askeans v Havant, Ruslip v Lewes, Reading v Sutton-Epsom, Sidcup v Thurrock, Lydney v Old Colfeians, Salisbury v Clifton, Barnstaple v Richmond, Bury Hill v Matson, Metropolitan Police v Exeter, Camborne v Henley, Combe Down v Old Mid-Whitgiftians. North: Lichfield v Tynedale, Harrogate v Nuneaton, Wigton v Moderns, Stockton v Towcestrians, Halifax v Stourbridge, Barkers Butts v Sudbury, Manchester v Broughton Park, Otley v Winnington Park, Fylde v Hereford, Roundhay v Loughborough Students, Headingley v Pavors, Widnes v Sheffield. Matches to be played on September 21.

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POLO

Shuffle aids Rowleys

By John Watson

RICHARD Guess's team, Rowleys, lifted itself from bottom place in league two of the British Open when it defeated Kennelot 7-6 at Ambersham, West Sussex, yesterday.

The Rowleys line-up shows a radically new permutation, a more effective one, with its strongmen, Omar Sosa and Martin Aguerre, deployed at back and No. 3 respectively.

At treading-in time Rowleys were leading 5-3. Kennelot, who looked a shade better mounted and who are centred on two eight-goalers, Fortunato Gomez and the All-English captain, Julian Hipwood, began to show their cool mettle in the fourth chukka, and equalised at 6-6 in the fifth. It was Sosa, wriggling sensationally through the opposition in the last seconds, who dribbled in the winner.

The second engagement, from league four, resulted in an 8-5 win for the Manconi squad, Alfa Romeo, against Giscours. It was mainly the use of Diaz Alberdi, the dynamic Argentine 10-handicapper, in their pivot position that gave Alfa Romeo (who remain third in the league) the edge throughout this encounter.

ROWLEYS: 1, R Guess (2); 2, B Tari (3); 3, M Aguerre (7); Back: O Sosa (8).
KENNELOT: 1, G Roddick (1); 2, J Hipwood (8); 3, F Gomez (8); Back: O Ellis (5).
ALFA ROMEO: 1, J Manconi (1); 2, H F Llorente (7); 3, A Diaz Alberdi (10); Back: A Fanshawe (4).
GISCOURS: 1, D Jamison/D Morley (3); 2, H Galindo (8); 3, C Zavaletta (8); Back: G Tan (3).

WEEKEND FIXTURES

TODAY

ATHLETICS: English schools championships (Stoke).

BASEBALL: International match: England v Wales (Breck Park, Liverpool).

GOLF: Bloor Homes Classic (Eastleigh); European women's team championship (Wentworth); Bell's Scottish Open (Gleneagles); British Senior Open (Royal Lytham and St Annes).

POLO: (3.0): British Open championship (Cowdray Park), Cirencester Champion Cup (Cirencester); Whitbread Cup (Rutland Polo Club, Gt Easton).

SHOOTING: TA national championship (Bisley)

SPEEDWAY: Sunbrite National League: First division: Bradford v Reading (7.30); Berwick v Eastbourne (7.0); Coventry v Belle Vue (7.30); Cradley Heath v Wolverhampton (7.30); King's Lynn v Swindon (7.30) Second division: Stoke v Milton Keynes (7.30). Super National Marathon (Arena Essex, 7.0)

TENNIS: Bristol Challenger Trophy (Bristol).

WORLD STUDENT GAMES: At Sheffield Basketball, fencing, volleyball, football and hockey

TOMORROW

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: London Athletics v Essex Arrows; Cambridge Royals v Nottingham Hornets; Nottingham Pirates v Humberside Mets; Enfield Spartans v Liverpool Tigers

AUSTRALIAN RULES

BRITISH LEAGUE (BARFL): North London Lions v West London Wildcats; Hartley Bristol Bears v Lee Valley Saints; Earls Court Roos v Thames Valley Magpies, London Hawks v East Midland Eagles; Wandsworth Demons v Sussex Swans.

OTHER SPORT

GOLF: European women's team championship (Wentworth); British Senior Open (Royal Lytham and St Annes); Bloor Homes Classic (Eastleigh); Open championship final qualifiers (Hesketh, Hillside, Southport and Ainsdale and West Lancs GC)

MOTOR RACING: Formula One: British grand prix (Silverstone).

POLO: (3.0): British Open championship (Cowdray Park); Cirencester Champion Cup (Cirencester); Whitbread Cup (Rutland Polo Club, Gt Easton).

SHOOTING: TA national championship (Bisley).

TENNIS: Bristol Challenger Trophy (Bristol).

WORLD STUDENT GAMES: Opening ceremony (Sheffield).

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An Englishman's home is Silverstone as Williams rivals are left in the slipstream

Mansell continues to set the pace

MARC ASPLAND

Flying lap: the sparks fly as Mansell pushes his Williams around Silverstone on his way to setting the fastest time in practice yesterday for tomorrow's British grand prix

By Norman Howell

NIGEL Mansell drove considerably faster than all of his rivals in yesterday's qualifying session at Silverstone to take provisional pole position for tomorrow's British grand prix.

After his victory at Magny Cours in the French round of the world championship last week, the Williams Renault driver is clearly on top of his form. "I could have gone quicker," Mansell said after being the only driver to lap below 1min 23sec under cloudy skies at the Northamptonshire circuit.

Gerhard Berger put up his best qualifying performance of the season to be second fastest, ahead of the other Marlboro McLaren, driven by Ayrton Senna, the championship leader. Mansell's teammate, Riccardo Patrese, was fourth quickest and a surprising Andrea de Cesaris fifth at the wheel of a Jordan after prequalifying earlier.

Mansell, second to Senna in the drivers' championship, was not pleased by having to abandon one of his fast laps as he was badly baulked at Brooklands by Aguri Suzuki's Larrousse and ended in the run-off area. But it was a good day for the Englishman, who clearly enjoyed driving on a circuit he likes, unlike most of the others, and one that he knows better than his rivals. During his fast lap, his Williams was on the limit and shuffled sideways at Stowe.

Senna, too, drove on the limit, but his McLaren-Honda was no match for the beautifully balanced Williams, a team that is pulling out all the stops to topple McLaren from the top of the constructors' championship. Elf, their fuel suppliers, have already tried more than 200 different types of fuels in order to adapt to the different circuits, weather conditions and engine specifications.

It is in this area that the McLaren team is perhaps being let down, as Shell have only recently decided to experiment with specialist fuel to be used for qualifying sessions, something that Elf and Agip, suppliers to Ferrari, have been doing for a long time.

The issue of what does go into the fuel tank of a Formula One car is a thorny one. Shell, BP and Mobil are not officially prepared to follow the route that Agip and Elf have chosen. Everybody of course claims that their formulae are within the rules laid down by Fisa, the sport's governing body. But one of the four leading Formula One teams found that the difference in lap times on a circuit they knew well was a second per lap between factory-supplied fuel and a specially prepared but legal one. That is a huge difference in a world where hundredths of a second are vital in a car's performance.

Honda seem to be struggling a little as the season reaches its mid point. Unusually they have five cars here, which indicate that they are trying a number of engines to cure a reliability problem and find the best chassis and car combination. The Japanese engineers have also brought to Silverstone three of their new Spec 3 engines, the latest evolution of the V12 which so far has not taken the sport by the throat in the way that last year's V10 did.

Senna, the world champion, has complained more than once about this, as he has about the chassis, and McLaren are clearly trying everything they can think of in order to assuage their leading driver and hold off the increasingly determined challenge of Williams.

Senna is certainly doing his best to rectify the imbalance. On Thursday he was closeted for hours with the Japanese engineers in the seclusion of the Marlboro motor home. At regular intervals the doors would open and yet another engineer would leave the court of the Brazilian king clutching large files out from which computer printouts poked.

Ferrari had a mixed day yesterday. They did not use their qualifying engines, concentrating instead on the car's set up as they had anticipated problems on the relatively bumpy circuit. Both their drivers, Alain Prost and Jean Alesi, complained that the car was very hard to drive on the new bends.

Prost considers that even with a perfect set up, it would be very hard to match the Williams at Silverstone.

So the scene seems set for another Williams win, their third in a row and one which would really throw the championship open. Mansell, who trails Senna by 25 points, is favourite but Patrese, his Italian teammate, is always competitive and ready to capitalise on any mistakes.

After yesterday's performance there is the possibility of a first appearance on the winners' podium for the Jordan team, as de Cesaris is driving as never before on Eddie Jordan's home circuit.

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SILVERSTONE DETAILS

PRACTICE TIMES: 1, N Mansell (GB), Williams Renault, 1min 22.644sec (av speed 141.44mph); 2, G Berger (Austria), McLaren Honda, 1:23.045; 3, A Senna (Br), McLaren, 1:23.277; 4, R Patrese (It), Williams, 1:23 436; 5, A de Cesaris (It), Jordan Ford, 1:24.169; 6, J Alesi (Fr), Ferrari, 1:24.520; 7, A Prost (Fr), Ferrari, 1:24.726; 8, S Modena (It), Tyrrell Honda, 1:24.925; 9, J-J Lehto (Fin), Dallara Judd, 1:24.997; 10, N Piquet (Br), Benetton Ford, 1.25.107; 11, E Pirro (It), Dallara, 1:25.136; 12, B Gachot (Fr), Jordan, 1:25.323; 13, T Boutsen (Bel), Ligier, 1:25 530; 14, R Moreno (Br), Benetton, 1:25.715; 15, M Brundle (GB), Brabham Yamaha, 1:25.803; 16, M Gugelmin (Br), Leyton House Ilmor, 1:25 834; 17, I Capelli (It), Leyton House, 1:25.951; 18, M Blundell (GB), Brabham, 1:26.117; 19, S Nakajima (Japan), Tyrrell, 1:26.229; 20, E Bernard (Fr), Larrousse Ford, 1:26.235; 21, A Suzuki (Japan), Larrousse, 1:26.438; 22, E Comas (Fr), Ligier, 1:26.486; 23, M Hakkinen (Fin), Lotus Judd, 1:26.960; 24, M Alboreto (It), Footwork Ford, 1:27 193; 25, J Herbert (GB), Lotus, 1:27.207; 26, P-L Martini (It), Minardi Ferrari, 1:27.279; 27, G Morbidelli (It), Minardi, 1:27.367; 28, S Johansson (Swe), Footwork, 1:28.204; 29, G Tarquini (It), AGS Ford, 1:31.130; 30, F Barbazza (It), AGS, 1:31.697.

PRE-QUALIFYING TIMES: 1, Lehto, 1min 24 825 sec; 2, de Cesaris, 1.25 508; 3, Pirro, 1.25.726; 4, Gachot, 1.25.931. Did not qualify: 5, O Grouillard (Fr), Fondmetal-Ford, 1.26 299; 6, N Larini (It), Lamborghini, 1.28.042; 7, E Van De Poele (Bel), Lamborghini, 1.28.827; 8, P Chaves (Por), Coloni-Ford, 1.29.735.

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP: Drivers: 1, Senna, 48pts; 2, Mansell, 23; 3, Patrese, 22; 4, Prost, 17; 5, Piquet, 16; 6, Berger, 10; 7, Modena, 9; 8, Alesi, 8; 9, de Cesaris, 7; 10, Moreno, 5; 11, Lehto, 4; 12, Martini, 3; equal 13, Gachot, Hakkinen, Nakajima, 2; equal 16, J Bailey (GB), Suzuki, Pirro, Bernard, 1.

Constructors: 1, McLaren Honda, 58pts; 2, Williams Renault, 45; 3, Ferrari, 25; 4, Benetton Ford, 21; 5, Tyrrell Honda, 11; 6, Jordan Ford, 9; 7, Dallara Judd, 5; equal 8, Minardi Ferrari, Lotus Judd, 3; 10, Larrousse Ford, 2.

BETTING: 7-4: Mansell. 7-2: Patrese, Senna. 6-1: Prost. 12-1: Alesi, Berger.

Benetton confirm new buyer

THE Benetton Formula One team yesterday confirmed a report in *The Times* that Tom Walkinshaw, who runs the Jaguar sportscar team, would be buying into the Anglo-Italian outfit (Norman Howell writes). Walkinshaw, a Scottish millionaire, will control 35 per cent of the Benetton team, where he will be in charge of technical matters as well as co-ordinating the relationship with Ford.

Flavio Briatore, the Benetton commercial manager, will stay on along with Gordon Kimball, who was recently appointed designer to replace John Barnard.

At Silverstone yesterday, Walkinshaw said that he would control 50 per cent of the team within two years. "We have been looking for a way into Formula One for two months," he said.

League's fears eased by Parry

By Peter Ball

THE threat of a breakaway Premier League receded a little yesterday. The second division clubs agreed, at their meeting at Leicester, to an approach by the chairman of the first division clubs, Rick Parry, for a meeting between the two.

"The second division reps are willing to meet the first division at the earliest opportunity, and will go with the clear intention to seek to keep the whole of the Football League together," Arthur Sandford, the chief executive of the Football League, reported.

While insisting that the first division was not going back on its insistence on fundamental change, for the first time Parry allowed some hope that a breakaway might be avoided. "There is enormous scope for dialogue and my view is that it is never too late to make the right decision," he said after conceding that the plan for autonomous self-governing divisions, drawn up by Arthur Sandford, had a lot to commend it.

Although Parry added that this should not be seen as a climb-down by the first division, it undoubtedly represents an important shift in their thinking. The second division clubs have appointed Leslie Kew, of Bristol City, George Forbes, of Newcastle United, and John Dennis, of Barnsley, to represent them at the meeting.

The meeting could take place next week. With the court case over the breakaway set for July 22, there is some urgency, but although the other prong of Parry's message was an appeal for the court case to be stopped, Sandford dismissed that as unlikely.

☐ The proposed transfer of Dean Saunders from Derby County to Everton is thought to be in danger of collapse. Although the clubs agreed on a British record fee of £2.9 million six days ago, Saunders has still to announce whether he intends to go to Goodison Park after talking with the Everton manager, Howard Kendall, on Thursday. The clearest indication yet that the deal is in jeopardy came yesterday when Derby gave Nottingham Forest permission to approach the player to discuss the possibility of a move to the City ground. Forest are believed to have matched Everton's bid.

☐ Tony Cascarino, the Aston Villa and Republic of Ireland forward, was last night involved in transfer talks with Southampton after the clubs had agreed on a £1 million fee. Celtic are also interested.

☐ Peter Shreeves, the former Tottenham Hotspur manager, has returned to White Hart Lane as coach after leaving a similar post at Watford.

☐ The Arsenal defender, Gus Caesar, has joined Cambridge United on a free transfer.

☐ Leeds United will have to pay Nottingham Forest £900,000 for Steve Hodge. The England midfield player signed for Leeds last week but discussion on the fee was delayed until Brian Clough's return from holiday.

☐ Bordeaux's appeal against the French League's decision to relegate them to the second division after they had gone into receivership, has been rejected by the State Council, the country's highest court.

Intimidators face removal

By Alan Lee, cricket correspondent

IT EMERGED yesterday that the annual meeting of the International Cricket Council (ICC) this week took far more purposeful action against intimidatory bowling than had been announced.

Such were the complexities of the new legislation against persistent short-pitched bowling that Lieutenant-Colonel John Stephenson, secretary of the ICC, managed to confuse himself when releasing the information. "I am afraid I got it wrong," he said yesterday.

Erroneously, Stephenson had indicated that second or third bouncers to the same batsman in an over would be punishable only by a call of no-ball. What the ICC had agreed was far tougher. A second such delivery in an over will, indeed, be a no-ball, but any bowler earning two such calls in an innings will receive a final warning. A third call will remove the bowler from the attack for the rest of the innings.

The ICC rejected applications for associate membership from Scotland and Ireland until they sever their connections with the Cricket Council, the governing body for the United Kingdom. Neither country is likely to take part in the next ICC Trophy, in Kenya in 1994 or 1995.

☐ Clyde Walcott, president of the West Indies Cricket Board of Control, has criticised the ICC's legislation on bouncers (Reuter reports from Bridgetown). Walcott described the decision as "ridiculous".

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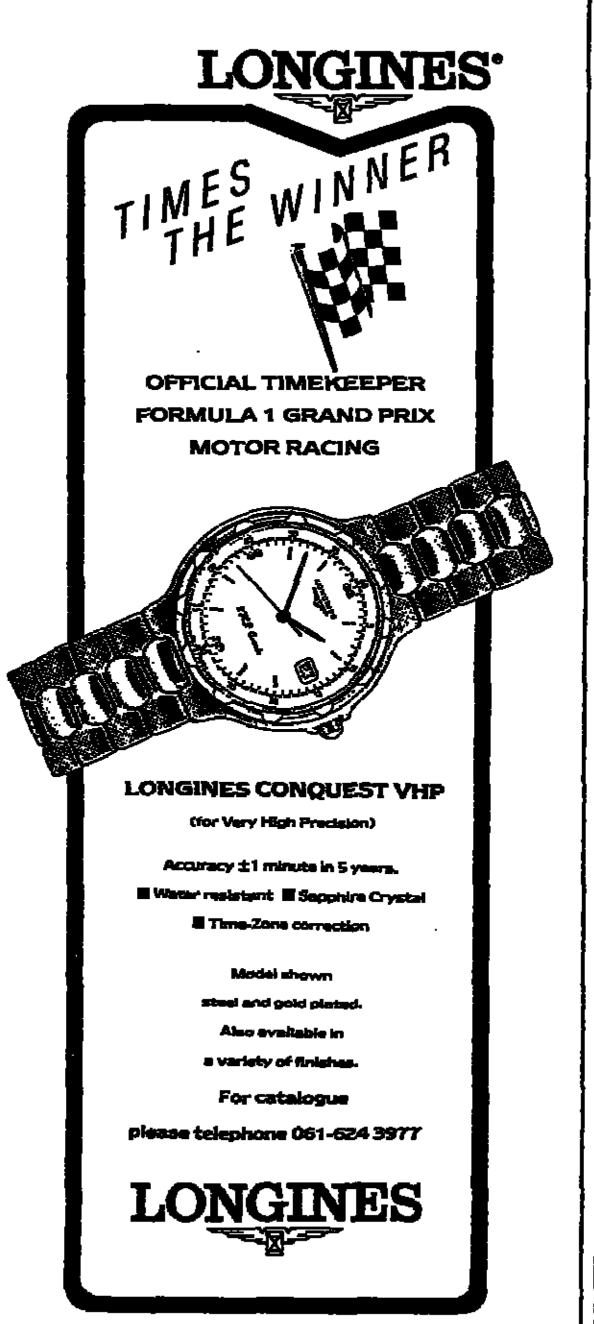

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Suspicion cast on the Australians

From David Hands, rugby correspondent, Brisbane

A LEADING Australian official agreed yesterday that former rugby league players have been reintroduced into Australian rugby union over the last decade, even though International Rugby Football Board (IRFB) rules on reinstatement (loosened progressively over the last three years) may not have permitted it.

Norbert Byrne, one of Australia's two IRFB representatives and now his union's regulation officer, was speaking in the light of the Australian Rugby Union's (ARU) expressed intention to propose amendments to the rule relating to ineligibility and reinstatement. Their submission would seek to admit professional rugby league players who had had no previous contact with rugby union.

The ARU amateurism committee, which meets next weekend, has formulated three submissions which Australia will bring before the IRFB in November: "That persons not previously bound by the regulations be admitted, subject to the national union's discretion; that in cases of persons applying for reinstatement to play the game, they should be considered by the national union at its discretion and that players so reinstated be permitted to play the game at a defined level or lower; that breaches of regulation four [communication for reward] be dealt with by the national union at its discretion."

The repetition of the word "discretion" will have some northern-hemisphere administrators reaching for the shotgun, since it was that which left players confused about the board's intentions last November over their earning capacity. But Byrne insists that discretion is vital if the regulations are to be sensibly applied in each country.

"The one we hope to have accepted is our ability to consider people not bound by the regulations, those who didn't play rugby union after school and who never accepted the game's regulations," he said. "The best-paid Australian Rules guy in Melbourne can play rugby at the weekend. The only people who can't are those who have accepted money to play rugby league. We have been admitting professional rugby league players to play rugby union if they want to."

SA's tennis return will take longer

By Andrew Longmore, tennis correspondent

SOUTH Africa's return to international tennis will take longer than was first thought. It had been hoped that the suspension imposed on South Africa by the International Tennis Federation (ITF) would be lifted after the International Olympic Committee's historic decision to welcome South Africa back to the Olympic Games.

However, the three bodies representing South African tennis failed to agree on a unified constitution in time for the ITF's annual meeting in Hamburg yesterday and a motion to readmit South Africa to international tennis had to be postponed.

Tobin: delegation head

Instead, a delegation from the ITF will go to South Africa within a month to help the interim committee representing the South African Tennis Union, the Tennis Federation of South Africa and the Tennis Association of South Africa form the new body, which will be known as Tennis South Africa (TSA).

As soon as TSA has been ratified by all three associations, the ITF's committee of management can lift the suspension.

Last-ditch attempts by Philippe Chatrier, the outgoing president of the ITF, failed to bring an agreement between the three bodies. The delegation will be led by Brian Tobin, the newly elected executive president of the ITF.

When MCC stands for more conjugal cricket

Simon Barnes
ON SATURDAY

Faithful readers of this space will, I trust, remember that the great and good Rachael Heyhoe Flint recently played her first game of cricket for MCC, the first woman to do so. The team in question was, of course, Mount Cricket Club, which is based in a pub in the Midlands. This has resulted in two indignant letters, both of them concerned about the image of the real MCC.

Bryan Pattison, president of Cern CC in Switzerland, tells me his side has regularly played against women members of MCC. Four years ago, MCC had two female players in the side – both of them physical education teachers from Milan international schools. What more natural than that they should play for Milan Cricket Club against Cern?

Robin Edwards writes forthrightly that my assertion that Madame Heyhoe Flint was the first woman to play for MCC "is bilge". He added: "A lady played for the real MCC six or seven years ago." This club in question is Monkton Combe Cavaliers. Apparently they wear a tie bearing an image of the laughing cavalier, which strikes me as a bit *de trop.* "A lady by the name of Liz Molyneux-Berry played for us about 1984: a ruthless and guileful off-spinner." He went on: "I understand that there is another team masquerading under the name, MCC, but we don't play them, so I am unable to say whether their number includes women. Surely it must, in these enlightened times?" That is what I would have thought, too.

☐ *Statistically, it takes an average golfer 30 years to hit a hole-in-one. A Swedish lad named Matthias Herrstrom, aged 12, has just hit two in the same round. He has a handicap of 31. He managed this double miracle while playing in a revoltingly named "pee-wee competition" at Simrishamn in southern Sweden. One took place on a par four.*

The distances on the two holes were 309 yards and a comparatively pedestrian 160 yards. He was given his first set of clubs a month before this round. America's Golf Digest Magazine *says that the odds on making a hole-in-one at any individual hole are 11,000 to one. They haven't bothered to give odds for a double. However, the Swedes seem to have the knack of scoring them. A few years ago, a 72-year-old player scored two in one round, and missed a third by three feet.*

Rights to tour

Australia can date the emergence of an Australian chapter of the British Fascists to the 1920-1 MCC tour of Australia. These cautiously expressed, yet startling conclusions are drawn in a recent edition of *Sporting Traditions*, the journal of the Australian Society for Sports History. The MCC captain was A. E. R. Gilligan, who was also, it later transpired, a member of the British Fascists. So was the tour manager, F. C. (later Sir Frederick) Toone. This was a different organisation to Sir Oswald Mosley's British Union of Fascists, less influential, but still deadly serious, with a record of strike-breaking and other political activities.

Gilligan wrote afterwards: "In . . . cricket tours it is essential to work solely on the lines of Fascism, i.e. the team must be good friends and out for one thing, and one thing only, namely the good of the side, and not for any self-glory."

The writer of this piece of research, Andrew Moore of the University of Western Sydney, says: "On balance, it seems likely that Arthur Gilligan followed the advice issued by the Fascists' Recruiting and Propaganda Department. This was to "talk about the movement to everyone you meet' and "always carry at least one enrolment form and one of each of the other pamphlets with you wherever you go'."

Nebiolo snubbed

Primo Nebiolo, president of the International Amateur Athletics Federation, is one of the most powerful men in world sport, and one of the most criticised. He has ridden out an investigation into allegations of financial irregularity, and of results-fixing, and he remains emphatically in charge. As Sheffield prepares to open the World Student Games tomorrow, the University of Sheffield will confer three honoraray degrees. One goes to that well known politician and son of Sheffield, Sebastian Coe, and another to Dr Steven Sample, who is running the next student games. A third goes to Sir Arthur Gold, doyen of the British Olympic movement – and a long-term critic of Nebiolo. And for Nebiolo? Absolutely nothing. Not even a third-class degree. It is reported that this omission is seen as a deliberate snub, and that Nebiolo is spitting with rage.

Cricketer burnt

Chris Cowdrey, the former Kent captain, has had a knee operation delayed after suffering burns while tending a garden bonfire at his home near Canterbury.

Turnstile rise

Gloucester rugby union club is to increase ticket fees by up to a half next season to pay for a full-time administrator and to finance a tour of Canada.

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